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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

700th REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundredth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 19, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 1994 were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"E*MPLOYEE RECOGNITION* Each month an outstanding employee is nominated by the Parks Division for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Jose Garcia is being honored for his reliable and consistent performance of his duties. Jose is a custodian assigned to the Glen Park Complex and specifically Christopher and Walter Haas Playgrounds. He also performs litter removal on several undeveloped open space properties. Michael Morlin, Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, will make the presentation.

BUDGET The Mayor's budget office has extended the deadline for the submission of the 1995-96 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department. The purpose of the extension is to give the Mayor's budget staff time to review budget reduction options for this department. The Mayor's existing guidelines would reduce the general fund support for this department by $1.3 million and require the department to absorb $1.5 million in increased employee compensation costs. In addition, $1 million in one-time revenues were used to balance the current 1994-95 operating budget. These revenues are not available to fund the 1995-96 budget.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BUDGET (Continued) The cumulative impact of these factors is a revenue shortfall of $3.8 million for 1995-96 based on the projected cost of operating the department's existing programs. The Mayor's budget staff has given us several guidelines in preparing our budget submission. These guidelines include maintaining the budget for Golden Gate Park at its current level (approximately $6 million), providing additional funds for Candlestick Park to prepare for Super Bowl XXXIII, increasing departmental revenues from fees and charges and reviewing the Open Space Program to determine whether any existing operating costs can be shifted to that program. The City contract with the San Francisco Zoological Society also calls for no reduction in the $4 million payment for the management contract for the Zoo.

Department staff have reviewed various fees and charges under the control of the Commission and have developed several options which total slightly over $1 million. Staff have also reviewed the Charter requirements for the Open Space Program and are discussing with the City Attorney the legality of transferring approximately $1 million in costs for the urban forestry program from the general fund to the open space fund and the possibility of reductions in certain fixed charges to this department. Once the Mayor's staff has had a chance to review these options, they will be brought to the Commission for consideration. Even with these options, however, the department will still face a revenue shortfall of over $1 million. This shortfall will need to be absorbed through program reductions. Suggestions for program reductions, as well as revenue increases and funding transfers, will be presented to the Commission at a special meeting on the budget currently scheduled for February 2.

STORM DAMAGE REPORT Attached is a report that details the storm damage incurred throughout Golden Gate Park and neighborhood parks, the Zoo, Candlestick Park, the Yacht Harbor and the golf courses. To date, it is estimated that tree related damage and cleanup has cost approximately $125,000. In addition, with the closure of the golf courses for several days, it is estimated that we lost approximately $100,000 in revenue. Also, nine cars were damaged by downed branches or trees. We do not yet have an estimate of cost to repair damage to the seawall at the Yacht Harbor.

The storm damage report would not be complete without mentioning the efforts of all of the Park personnel involved in responding to the many emergencies resulting from the intense rainfall and extreme winds. Workers from all of the Park Division sections responded to the emergencies when and where they were needed. Downed power lines, hanging limbs, leaning trees and flooded roads sometimes put these workers at risk. All those involved are to be commended for their efforts during this stormy period, and the effort that is still to come during the cleanup and rehabilitation period.

RECREATION DIVISION SALARY DEFICIT As I reported in December, the Recreation Division is experiencing a deficit in the Temporary Salary Account. In an attempt to control spending and balance the division budget, the rainy day policy has been extended to the after school sites located on San Francisco Unified School District facilities. Many calls have been received expressing concern for the new policy. Hopefully, the recent rainy season will provide the needed savings so that normal operations can resume as soon as possible. Current salary projections are now being analyzed, and I will keep you updated as to the status of this situation.

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3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ZOO The 19th annual Zoo Run will be held on Sunday, January 22. Registration has been very light--probably due to the weather--but preparations have been made for heavy race day registration. All Commissioners are urged to come out and run.

The contract for the Australian WalkAbout will be put out to bid this month. The public opening for the exhibit is tentatively scheduled for May 14.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS Under conflict of interest codes and State law, Recreation and Park Commissioners and staff in designated positions in the Recreation and Park Department are required to file an annual Statement of Economic Interest. Forms are in the process of being distributed and must be filed by April 3, 1995. There has been a significant change in the law concerning the acceptance of gifts and honoraria by City officials and employees. A fact sheet regarding this change is included with the Statement of Economic Interest forms.

SF TEEN At your places you will find the January/February 1995 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

SYMPOSIUM - STRYBING ARBORETUM At your places is information on a symposium, "Water in the Garden," to be held at the County Fair Building on February 11, 1995. This symposium is being sponsored by Horticulture Magazine in conjunction with Strybing Arboretum Society. We are only one of three botanical gardens in the United States hosting this symposium.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 1, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, February 2, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, February 7, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Saturday, February 11, 1995	Symposium: "Water in the Garden"; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Strybing Arboretum"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS **RES. NO. 9501-001**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period December 3, 1994 through January 2, 1995.

b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY **RES. NO. 9501-002**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATED TO:
Burt Schneider
2767 Stonypoint
Petaluma, California 94952
Two (2) Male Dominque Chickens

PURCHASED FROM:
National Aquarium in Baltimore
Pier 3, 501 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202, USDA #51-C-002
Two (2) Male Scarlet Rumped Tanager and One (1) Unsexed Blue Grey Tanager, valued at $375.00.

DONATION FROM:
Ron Perotti
1252 Margery Avenue
San Leandro, CA 94578
One (1) Female Lilac Crowned Amazon Parrot

DONATION FROM:
Michele Armikhas
60 Malta
San Francisco, CA 94231
One (1) Female and One (1) Unsexed Peach Faced Lovebird

c. SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS
COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

Approval of modification of contract between the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

d. MISSION DOLORES PARK **RES. NO. 9501-003**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Angotti & Reilly in the amount of $185,000 for the construction of a soccer field at Mission Dolores Park.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

e. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9501-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $14,300,00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a) From Naval Officer Spouse Association, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

b) From St. Anthony Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

c) From Walter S. Johnson Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for the Palace of Fine Arts Repair Fund.

d) From Richard A. Smith, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000.00, for Golden Gate Park maintenance.

e) From Lane Family Charitable Trust, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

f) From Jim O'Keefe, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,100.00, for the Special Needs Division.

g) From Rabobank Nederland, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,200.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden

The Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1995-96 BUDGET

Consideration of the 1995-96 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

6. **LINCOLN PARK**
LEGION OF HONOR
REHABILITATION PLAN

Approval of plans submitted by the Fine Arts Museums to rehabilitate the parking plaza and fountain east of the Legion of Honor.

Golf Director Robert Killian, explained that Fine Arts Museums would like to make improvements to the parking and fountain area at the Legion of Honor in conjunction with the restoration and seismic upgrade project now under way at the Legion. If the Commission grants approval, the work will be completed in time for the grand re-opening slated for November, 1995. The rehabilitation plan includes:

6. **LINCOLN PARK**
LEGION OF HONOR
REHABILITATION PLAN (Continued)

◆Restoration of the Fountain The original fountain was a reflecting pond and has deteriorated through the years. The central drum that was added to the fountain in the 1950s will be removed, and new pumps, filters and coping will be added to match the surface of the Legion of Honor. The sidewalk around the fountain will be made handicap accessible.

◆Parking Area The area that is now used for parking will be landscaped and utilized for future temporary sculpture exhibits. The rehabilitation plans will restore the vista through the archway over the fountain to the view of the City. Presently, when you look towards the fountain the view is of parked cars. The statue now located at this site, *the Shades*, will be moved to inside the Legion of Honor. Two Path of Gold light standards will be installed; one near the bus stop area, the second near the Holocaust Memorial. A security camera will be installed on the second light fixture to monitor the Holocaust Memorial. The landscaped strip of land that visually and physically blocks people from visiting the Holocaust Memorial will be removed and replaced with additional parking. The entire asphalt area will be sealed and restriped.

All of the improvements are being made through the generosity of the Fine Arts Museums and the $400,000 project includes restoring the fountain, its mechanical pumps, filters, plumbing and new irrigation system. The fountain will be maintained and cleaned by the Legion of Honor staff. Recreation and Park will continue to perform the custodial services and maintain the landscaped areas around the building. Mr. Killian recommended approval of the project.

Commissioner Farrow was concerned that the pond could deteriorate and might not be maintained in the future. Mr. Killian explained that the Legion of Honor will be responsible for maintaining and cleaning the fountain.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the plans submitted by the Fine Arts Museums to rehabilitate the parking plaza and fountain east of the Legion of Honor.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **ART SHOWS**
APPROVAL OF DATES

Approval of two and three day art shows on multiple dates from January through December 1995 at Hoover Redwood Grove (in Golden Gate Park), Union Square, Marina Green and Washington Square, by Artists Guild of San Francisco and San Francisco Society of Fine Arts.

7. ART SHOWS
APPROVAL OF DATES (Continued)

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request to approve two and three day art shows at various park sites for calendar year 1995 for two artists groups. Art groups exhibit their wares but no sales take place on park property. The service fee is $150.00 per date. Since there has been no history of problems with the art shows' use of the park, the Department has asked the Commission to waive the performance bond requirement. If there is any damage to park property the Park Division staff will inform the Permits Division and the future scheduled art show date will not be honored until the damage has been paid. This practice has been in effect for the past 20 years. Staff recommended approval with the following conditions:

- $1 Million Liability Insurance
- no sales of paintings, renderings, art objects, sculptures or any other crafts in the reserved area
- the reserved area must be cleaned
- staff has the right to change and/or cancel dates

Both groups have been cooperative when the Permits Division has asked the artist groups to change a date. Vehicles are not allowed on park property with the exception of Union Square. In August, 1993 a vehicle was given permission to drive onto the Square to unload and load with a monitor leading and following each vehicle. There has been no problem with this practice. The City Attorney has reviewed this arrangement and has decided that it is permissible.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, **General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that the Park Code prohibits the sale of art work on park property.

President Immendorf said that it seems to be discriminatory against artists yet T-shirts can be sold in the park. He has been approached by artists who have asked that this prohibition be changed. Although this issue was not presently before the Commission he supported a change to allow artists to sell items on park property.

Commissioner Rovetti reminded his fellow commissioners that driving vehicles onto parks can cause damage to greenspace areas and was opposed to giving art groups blanket authority to drive onto park property. He said that each date should be individually examined to ensure that the park is protected noting the recent rain storms had caused the grass to be damp and moist.

President Immendorf thanked Superintendent of Recreation Joel Robinson and Linda Woo for addressing the problem of vehicles accessing Union Square.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

7. **ART SHOWS**
APPROVAL OF DATES (Continued) **RES. NO. 9501-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following dates for art shows of the Artists Guild of San Francisco and San Francisco Society of Fine Arts:

Artists Guild of San Francisco

HOOVER REDWOOD GROVE
GOLDEN GATE PARK
January 15
February 19
March 5
April 15 and April 16
May 13 and May 14
June 24 and June 25
July 29 and July 30
August 12 and August 13
September 16, 17 and 24
October 21 and October 22
November 26

MARINA GREEN
February 12
March 12
April 8 and April 9
May 20 and May 21
June 17 and June 18
July 15 and July 16
August 6
September 2, 3 and 4
October 28 and October 29

UNION SQUARE
January 21 and January 22
February 4 and February 5
March 25 and March 26
April 22 and April 23
May 27 and May 28
June 3 and June 4
July 8 and July 9
August 26 and August 27
Septembe 9 and September 10
October 14 and October 15
November 18 and November 19
December 2 and December 3

WASHINGTON SQUARE
January 28 and January 29
February 25 and February 26
March 18 and March 19
April 29 and April 30
May 6 and May 7
June 10 and June 11
July 22 and July 23
August 19 and August 20
September 30 and October 1
October 7 and October 8
November 11 and November 12
December 9 and December 10

SF Society of Fine Arts

UNION SQUARE
January 28 and January 29
February 25 and February 26
March 18 and March 19
April 29 and April 30
May 13 and May 14
June 10 and June 11
July 22 and July 23
August 19 and August 20
September 30 and October 1
October 7 and October 8
November 11 and November 12
December 9 and December 10

WASHINGTON SQUARE
February 11 and February 12
March 11 and March 12
April 8 and April 9
May 20 and May 21
June 24 and June 25
July 29 and July 30
August 12 and August 13
September 16 and September 17
October 21 and October 22
November 25 and November 26

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MUSIC CONCOURSE
MINIATURE GOLF EVENT

Approval of one day event at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park for a "Miniature Golf Event," sponsored by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, on Saturday, May 20, 1995, from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MUSIC CONCOURSE
MINIATURE GOLF EVENT (Continued)

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request for a one day event at the Music Concourse area in Golden Gate Park for a miniature golf event to be sponsored by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. The Fine Arts Museums will s et up 2 nine hole golf courses in the Music Concourse. Each individual hole will be constructed off site and assembled at the Music Concourse in the morning. There shall be no staking, digging or anchoring onto park property. If any items are anchored to park property it will be done with the use of sandbags. The Fine Arts Museums will provide security and 3 monitors at each hole and set up will begin at 6:00 a.m. in the morning; the event takes place from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. The area will be cleared by 7:00 p.m. This is a first time event and the Museum hopes 1000 people will attend. The intent is to draw attention that there are more faces to art than paintings alone.

The admission fee will be $10.00 for adults; $5.00 for children. The Museums will sell T-shirts and hats. Staff recommended approval with the permit requirements of $1 Million liability insurance, a sound permit for use of amplified sound for five consecutive hours, the placement of five portable restrooms, two of which is accessible, a debris box, a clean up crew and a plan for recycling. Staff has asked that all advertising for this event include a public transportation plan to get to the park. There are no road closures requested for this event.

Vice President Mazzola asked if this event was fund raiser and noted that he personally felt that the $10.00 admission fee was high. **Barbara Kowalczyk, representing the Fine Arts Museums,** explained that the Museum contacted other miniature golf courses in the area and found that the charge is approximately $5.95 for adults and $4.95 for children. The Museums felt they could charge a bit more because this event was novel. They are not trying to conduct a fund raiser; rather they are trying to cover the costs to stage this event.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the one day event at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park for a "Miniature Golf Event," sponsored by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, on Saturday, May 20, 1995, from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

9. OPEN SPACES
NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Approval of proposed Natural Resource Area Management Plan for citywide parks and open spaces.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained the Natural Resource Area Management plan is divided into two parts. The first part includes the objectives, criteria for the selection of priority areas, a list of priority areas, and general policies and management actions. The objectives include educational opportunities for the public, creating public awareness of natural areas, and determining management needs for natural areas especially those with unique or rare natural elements. It also will implement measures to address invasive weeds that might be present in these natural areas. The criteria for identifying natural areas includes whether or not the area is a remnant of the original landscape or whether the area contains rare or unique species or habitat. Twin Peaks is an example of rare habitat that provides food plant for the endangered Mission Blue Butterfly. The general policies and management actions relate to vegetation, wildlife, water resources, soils, education and public use.

The second part of the plan will fund an environmental consultant to compile information so that the Department can develop an inventory of specific sites. A management plan would then be developed for each natural area. The specific management plan would be subject to approval by the Commission. Staff will continue to work with environmental groups, neighborhood groups, community organizations, and interested persons, to develop this plan. The Department has been working with volunteer groups to do invasive weed control and habitat restoration work. The goal will be to have the consultant provide inventories for 10 sites per year and work programs for 5 sites per year. The source of funds would be the Open Space Fund.

Veronica Oliva, explained that she felt this issue was very important and that it was an effort to preserve what was here before we were. She said that certain plants grow in San Francisco that do not grow anywhere else and it was vital to protect the natural areas. She was pleased that the Department was focusing on this issue and described other programs offered by cities such as the City of Austin, which now manages 1000 acres, and the City of Portland, Oregon, which has a program for its nature preserves. She urged the Commission to approve this plan.

Greg Gaar, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, thanked Recreation and Park staff for their support of the natural areas management plan and the City Planning Commission which adopted Policy 13 of the City's Recreation and Open Space Element that required the natural areas management plan be formulated by the Recreation and Park Department. He explained that natural areas are being destroyed by development and are being devastated by invasive weeds such as German ivy, French broom, etc., that kill the biological diversity. He said it was time to preserve the City's natural areas and felt it was important to support the plan and hire a consultant. He noted that there are many governmental agencies around the country that are protecting natural areas.

9. **OPEN SPACES**
NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN (Continued)

Statement of Greg Gaar (Continued)
He urged the Mayor's Office to not use money from the Open Space Program to offset budget deficits because it will impact programs such as the natural areas management plan.

Molly White, spoke in support and urged the Commission to approve this plan.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-008

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department recognizes the value and need to protect and preserve significant natural resource areas under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The protection and enhancement of natural areas has become a priority goal for public agencies at the federal and state level (including the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Program and the State of California, Department of Fish and Game), for the purpose of preserving unique and sensitive areas of rare or endangered plants and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, The preservation and protection of significant natural resource areas is a priority for the City of San Francisco as articulated in Police 13 of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City's Master Plan which states that "natural area management plans should be developed for publicly owned land throughout the City which would identify potentially significant natural areas, inventory them,...identify the presence of natural resources..." and "...establish a consistent set of management policies and practices to protect and enhance resources"; and

WHEREAS, Local organizations such as the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee and special interest groups, such as the Audubon Society, the California Native Plant Society, and the Sierra Club have played an increasingly active role in raising the consciousness of the general public, conservationists, and public officials about the presence and importance of natural areas in local community environs; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission has jurisdiction over a number of properties within the City and County of San Francisco which could qualify as significant natural resource areas; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department does not currently have in place an official designation of significant natural resource areas on park property and does not have any standardized guidelines or policies to protect or enhance these valuable resource; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission adopts the objectives, criteria for selection, draft priority areas and general policies and management actions of the Significant Natural Resource Area Management Plan.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

10. FRANKLIN SQUARE
SOCCER FIELD RENOVATION

Approval of proposed soccer field renovation at Franklin Square.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that this item is a proposal to renovate and expand the existing soccer field at Franklin Square. The present field is not soccer regulation size and the field is on rocky soil which is difficult to maintain and offers poor playing conditions. As a consequence, the field is under utilized. The proposal is to expand the field to 360 feet which is regulation size. In order to expand the field the existing restroom will be demolished. The new restroom would be probably be located near the existing children's play area and would meet disabled access requirements. The plan will be to remove one foot of the existing soil and install Bermuda turf, which is a very durable grass used at Kezar Stadium. In addition, a special synthetic fabric would be placed below the surface at the high wear and tear areas of the field (end zones and middle of the field) to give the field greater durability. The estimated cost of the project is $635,000. Of this amount, $350,000 has been allocated through the Open Space Program. To make up the shortfall the Open Space Committee has agreed to fund an additional $150,000. Staff will also apply for a $200,000 grant through Urban Parks and Recreation.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Wilson explained that the new restroom has a low cost ($50,000) because the staff is using a design-build plan from another project at Bayview Park. If there are insufficient funds to complete the entire project one of the elements may have to be deleted from the project such as the restroom or the synthetic fabric for the turf.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed soccer field renovation at Franklin Square.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

11. LAKE MERCED
URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRE
RENTAL PAYMENT EXEMPTION

Approval of request to continue exemption from rental payments from October 1, 1994 through October 1, 1995 due to decrease in water level at Lake Merced.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Urban Parks Concessionaires has requested that they be relieved from their rental payment because of the low water level at Lake Merced. In April 1994, the Commission relieved the concessionaire from making rental payments to October 1994 because of the decreasing water level. The water level continues to decrease at Lake Merced and they have again asked for relief.

11. LAKE MERCED
URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRE
RENTAL PAYMENT EXEMPTION (Continued)

Mr. Arnold noted that the concessionaire provides a valuable service to the Department as it maintains the restrooms at Lake Merced and manages the fishing permits along the Lake.

The concessionaire is looking at other ways to generate revenue and last year began renting bicycles. However, a capital improvement project to renovate the path around Lake Merced precluded this from being a profitable venture since the entire path was torn up and replaced. The water level has decreased for a number of reasons including the nearby golf courses in San Mateo County which draw on the aquifer.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, clarified the point that Harding Golf Course no longer relies on Lake Merced for its irrigation needs. She further explained that there have been several community meetings to discuss the water level at Lake Merced and that members from the Board of Supervisors, as well as representatives from Senator Question Kopp were involved in those meetings.

Commissioner Rovetti stated that he attended one of the meetings regarding the water level at Lake Merced and said the community was very concerned about the water level and wanted to find a resolution to this matter.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the Water Department has put water into the lake in the past and plans to put more water into Lake Merced but that the water level quickly drops.

Christ Santi, representing the Urban Parks Concessionaires, explained that several months ago meetings were held to discuss the declining water level at Lake Merced and there was intense interest. As a result of the meetings, the Water Department put some water into the Lake. He felt that there was a need to keep this issue at a high level of interest so that solutions could be worked out. He further explained that he was looking at ways to generate revenue at Lake Merced and was hopeful that a new program or service could be implemented.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to forgive Urban Parks Concessionaire from the obligation to make rental payments from October 1, 1994 through October 1, 1995 due to decrease in water level at Lake Merced.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

12. McLAREN PARK GOLF COURSE
LEASE AMENDMENT

Approval of the second amendment to the McLaren Park Golf Course Lease relieving San Francisco Golf Enterprises of the obligation of designing and installing a golf driving range.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

13. SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE
SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICE INCREASE

Ratification of the existing food and beverage menu at the Sharp Park Golf Course Restaurant.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission last approved the food and beverage menu for Sharp Park Golf Course restaurant in 1987. Since that time, the concessionaire has changed the menu and increased prices at its restaurant. It was difficult for staff to make a cost comparison because many of the items have been discontinued but staff feels the existing prices are reasonable. The lease requires the concessionaire to seek approval from the Recreation and Park Commission for food and beverage items and staff has informed the concessionaire of this requirement.

President Immendorf suggested that the Commission send a letter informing the Sharp Park concessionaire and the Harding Park concessionaire of the requirement to seek approval from the Commission prior to changing food and beverage prices.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the existing food and beverage menu at the Sharp Park Golf Course Restaurant.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

14. HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE
HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICE INCREASE

Ratification of the existing food and beverage menu at the Harding Park Golf Course Restaurant.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that, as in the previous item, the concessionaire at Harding Park has increased and modified its menu without first obtaining approval from the Commission. The Commission last approved food and beverage items in 1990. Staff felt that the existing prices were reasonable but has received complaints about the tournament box lunch. There have been allegations made that the price of the box lunch was quite high ($8.00) and that "fresh roasted turkey" was not offered but, rather, a processed lunch meat was served.

A few tournaments were not held at Harding Park because of the price and quality of the tournament box lunch.

Commissioner Rovetti asked if it would be wise to contact the tournaments which did not play at Harding Park because of the box lunch and offer them a discounted price for a future tournament.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the existing food and beverage menu at the Harding Park Golf Course Restaurant.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

15. GOLDEN GATE PARK
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN
PRICE INCREASE AT TEA HOUSE

Approval of increase in price from $2.00 to $2.50 for tea/soft drinks and cookies at the Tea House, effective March 1, 1995.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request to increase the price of tea house menu items at the Japanese Tea Garden. The concessionaire has cited increased costs in Japanese green tea and tea sets. Stoneware is no longer available and the porcelain tea sets are more susceptible to cracks and chips In addition, when the concessionaire, Fred Lo, assumed responsibility to operate the Tea House, the possessory interest tax increased markedly from the previous concession. Staff has scheduled a meeting with the Assessor to discuss the issue of the possessory interest tax and the fact that it has increased so dramatically. Menu prices were last set in July 1992 and staff recommended approval of the increase.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, Commissioner Chan was excused from voting on this item.

15. GOLDEN GATE PARK
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN
PRICE INCREASE AT TEA HOUSE (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in price to $2.50 for tea/soft drinks/juice/ cookies at the Japanese Tea Garden Tea House, effective March 1, 1995.

The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Mc-Ardle Solomon, Rovetti, Ruiz
Abstained: Commissioner Chan

16. CAMP MATHER
FEE INCREASE

Approval of fee increase for the 1995 Camp Mather season.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that last month the Commission considered a fee increase for Camp Mather. The fee increase was based on a 5%. At the Committee level, staff was directed to calculate a fee increase based on a higher percentage. Staff has completed those calculations and was prepared to recommend a 10% fee increase with the exception of the San Francisco resident tent site rates. In compiling the fee increase based on 10% the fees are comparable to the five other family camps in the area. This fee increase will place Camp Mather as the second highest but it still offers the most amenities in comparison to the other camps.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the fee increase for the 1995 Camp Mather season as follows:

1995 CHART OF CABIN FEES				
S.F. RESIDENTS				
Cabin Size	**Current Cabin Weekly**	**Approved Cabin Weekly**	**Current Cabin Nightly**	**Approved Cabin Nightly**
2 Person	$250	$275	$45	$50
3 Person	$340	$374	$60	$66
4 Person	$420	$462	$75	$83
5 Person	$490	$539	$90	$99
6 Person	$550	$605	$110	$121
4 Person Tent Site	$100	$100	$20	$20

16. CAMP MATHER
FEE INCREASE (Continued) **RES. NO. 9501-014**

1995 CHART OF CABIN FEES				
NON RESIDENTS				
Cabin Size	Current Cabin Weekly	Approved Cabin Weekly	Current Cabin Nightly	Approved Cabin Nightly
2 Person	$300	$330	$50	$55
3 Person	$415	$457	$70	$77
4 Person	$500	$550	$85	$94
5 Person	$585	$644	$100	$110
6 Person	$670	$737	$115	$127
4 Person Tent Site	$120	$132	$24	$26

CHART OF MEAL FEES						
Age Group	Current Weekly Meal Rate	Approved Weekly Meal Rate	Current Daily Meal Rate	Approved Daily Meal Rate	Current Day Use Rate	Approved Day Use Rate
Adult (age 13 plus)	$125	$138	$20	$22	$5	$5.50
Youth (Age 6 to 12)	$75	$83	$12	$13	$2.50	$2.75
Child (Age 2 to 5)	$70	$77	$10	$11	$2.50	$2.75
Infant (Under age 2)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

17. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1995, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, Jack Immendorf was elected President of the Recreation and Park Commission for calendar year 1995.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, Larry Mazzola was elected Vice President of the Recreation and Park Commission for calendar year 1995.

18. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Charles Johnson in the amount of $9,500.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

19. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Cindy Siu Tang in the amount of $5,500.50.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9501-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Cindy Siu Tang in the amount of $5,500.50.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Laskin discussed his opposition to road closures in Golden Gate Park and spoke in support of being able to access Golden Gate Park by the automobile.

Tony Strata urged the Commission to support Lefty O'Doul's induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame and felt that Bayview Park or its field should be named in Lefty O'Doul's name.

Kevin Drew, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council explained that the Council was opposed to any reductions to the Recreation and Park Department budget and sent a letter to the Mayor's Office voicing its concerns.

21. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Immendorf thanked his fellow commissioners for electing him president and promised to actively work for Recreation and Park. He noted that he was available to any of the commissioners to voice their needs, concerns and issues relating to Recreation and Park.

22. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Rovetti asked the Commission and staff to vigorously work on developing a system whereby a portion of the golf fees would be set aside to help maintain the golf courses rather than all of the fees being allocated to the City's General Fund. He thought it was important that a portion of golf fees revert to maintain the courses and commented on the dilapidated state of the restrooms at some of the Department's golf courses.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold explained that he would review this issue for Commissioner Rovetti. President Immendorf suggested that Commissioner Rovetti consider meeting with Mr. Arnold, and the Golf Director, Bob Killian to pursue this matter.

22. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS (Continued)

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked when the Commission would consider the issue of the award of lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables. She further explained that one of the employees from the Reforestation Division had made a suggestion to sell the surplus wood in the park that has accumulated from the recent rain storm. She also asked if her fellow Commissioners would be interested in hearing a presentation from the Zoo on its Reforestation Program at a future meeting.

President Immendorf explained that staff was reviewing a letter submitted by one of the bidder's attorneys and that when staff was prepared to have the Commission consider this matter it would be calendared. **Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold** explained that he would be prepared to present this issue to the Commission in February. **General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that staff would review the suggestion to sell the surplus wood in the park and explained that she was unsure whether the Department had the authority to declare an emergency to expedite the sale of the surplus wood. President Immendorf directed Commissioner McArdle-Solomon to talk to the Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose, to see if a future agenda could include a presentation from the Zoo on one of its programs.

23. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of December 7, 1994
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of January 10, 1995
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of January 12, 1995

24. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Bob Marquis, of Marquis Associates who designed the South of Market Recreation Center and Richmond Recreation Center, who passed away.

There being no further business, the 700th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 2, 1995 at 2:05 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President (noted present at 2:45 p.m.)
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MISSION DRIVEN BUDGET
1995-96 BUDGET

Consideration of Missions, Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures for submission of the 1995-96 budget for the Recreation and Park Department.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained the Recreation and Park Department has been asked to change the format for the 1995-96 budget to emphasize missions and outcomes. The Department has restructured itself into six programs:

❖Golden Gate Park❖
❖Citywide Recreation Services❖
❖Citywide Neighborhood Park Services❖
❖Candlestick Park❖
❖San Francisco Marina❖
❖Administration and Support Services❖

Citywide Recreation Services incorporates ❶children and youth services, ❷teen and adult programs and ❸adult and senior services. Citywide Neighborhood Park Services is a consolidation of ❶Camp Mather, ❷Golf, ❸Structural Maintenance, and ❹Urban Forestry. Each division manager has developed new goals and objectives for their program. Staff is asking for approval of the mission and goal statement for each division.

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
MISSION DRIVEN BUDGET
1995-96 BUDGET (Continued)

Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon, read the purpose statement for Golden Gate Park, its accomplishments for fiscal year 1994-95 and its action plan for fiscal year 1995-96. He then outlined the performance measures. He said Golden Gate Park serves between 12 to 15 million visitors each year. The Urban Forestry Division has made a projection to reforest 18 acres in Golden Gate Park during the next fiscal year.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, read the mission statement for Citywide Recreation Services. The Recreation Services Division has been divided into three sub programs and each sub program developed its own mission statement, its accomplishments, and goals for 1995-96. He said that the one day closure of recreation centers would initially cost the City $400,000. However, in his mind the closure of recreation centers would cost the City much more on a City-wide basis. Mr. Robinson explained that there are 25,000 youth in the City between the ages of 13 and 21. The Recreation Division's programs are based on the mission of prevention - preventing youth from gang activities, providing alternatives to crime and providing social skills training. If there are further budget reductions it will be difficult for the Recreation Division to achieve the accomplishments outlined in the mission and goal statement. Mr. Robinson then outlined the children and youth services program and the adult and senior services program.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Mayor's Budget staff has asked the Department to prioritize the 6 programs. It was difficult for staff to do this because the programs and divisions are interrelated and intertwined. Staff therefore recommended the priorities be as follows:

Priority 1	Golden Gate Park, Citywide Recreation, Citywide Neighborhood Park Services
Priority 2	Administration and Support Services
Priority 3	Candlestick Park
Priority 4	San Francisco Marina

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Commission adopted the following resolution:

RES. NO. 9502-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Missions, Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures for submission of the 1995-96 budget for the Recreation and Park Department and approves restructuring its programs as follows:

❖Golden Gate Park❖
❖Citywide Recreation Services❖
❖Citywide Neighborhood Park Services❖
❖Candlestick Park❖
❖San Francisco Marina❖
❖Administration and Support Services❖

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST

Consideration of 1995-96 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department:

A. Operating Budget
B. Capital Budget
C. Bond Funded Projects

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the budget meetings over the last several years have been very, very difficult for staff, the Commission, and the public that is affected by the decisions made. The Department has suffered significant budget cuts over the last several years. Since 1990 the Department has lost over 122 positions which translates to a 16% reduction in gardeners in Golden Gate Park, 30% reduction from the Structural Maintenance Division, 50% reduction in Urban Forestry Division, 16% in the Recreation Division, and 30% in the Administration Division. The impact is becoming very visible and in some instances is a cause for concern of the health of safety of park users. Some of the restrooms are not cleaned on a regular basis, gym floors are not refinished, sand and play areas are not cleaned daily from glass and needles, etc.

She felt that Recreation and Park more than any other department in the City speaks to and contributes to the quality of life in San Francisco. The beauty of Golden Gate Park and the role of both the parks and the recreation programs play on the physical and mental health of both residents and visitors alike. The Recreation Division creates an impact on the youth of the City by enhancing self esteem, being a role model for young people, and providing supervised activities for those who might otherwise be on the street and causing trouble.

Ms. Burns explained that the Department has downsized, restructured and reinvented everything to not effect the level of service. She did not think many other urban park districts in the country can declare that its budget covers 50% of their operating costs from its own revenues. At the same time, the Department tries to provide programs at a low cost. A $3.8 Million reduction is a large cut to absorb out of $20 Million General Fund support. There are strong competing interests in the Department and it is difficult to prioritize the value of children's programs versus the contractual legal obligations of the professional baseball and football teams at Candlestick Park.

Ms. Burns clarified the point that recent newspaper articles referencing the $6 Million cost figure to be used to make improvements at Candlestick Park at the expense of the Recreation Division is untrue. The City has made a commitment to make $6 Million of improvements at Candlestick Park. She hoped that the public realized that Candlestick Park is part of the revenue stream that helps support the Recreation and Park Department as well as generating money for the City.

Ms. Burns thanked staff for their efforts during the budget process. She was very concerned about the future of the Department since the budget projections are not promising and said alternative forms of funding support for the Department should be considered.

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

President Immendorf said that one of the toughest jobs a commissioner is approving a budget given the diminishing revenues and a reduction in its operating budget coupled with the expectation that the Department will continue to fund all the programs and operations that are critical to the citizenry.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the guidelines given from the Mayor's Budget Office for preparing the 1995-96 budget are as follows:

- General Fund support will be reduced by $1.3 Million.
- The Department must absorb all uncontrollable fixed cost increases.
- The Department must either replace a $1Million one-time revenue that balanced the 1994-95 budget or make an additional $1Million reduction in the 1995-96 budget.
- The Department needed to absorb all costs of personnel agreements negotiated by the City with the various employee organizations. To date there are agreements with 2 unions which will cost the Department an additional $1.5 Million in the 1995-96 fiscal year.
- The Department was also asked to not reduce the $6 Million budget for Golden Gate Park. It is a reasonable request because Recreation and Park is actively trying to solicit private funds on behalf of Golden Gate Park. Private donors do not want to have their donation simply replace public sector funding.
- There is also a $4Million contract obligation to the San Francisco Zoological Society for managing the Zoo that comes out of the Department's General Fund allocation.

The sum total of the known General Fund decrease, the employee cost increases, and the one time loss of $1 Million is $3.8 Million. Therefore the task is the need to absorb $3.8 Million in next year's budget. Staff approached this by trying to maintain existing services. There is a package of fee increases, transfer of funding sources to preserve programs, and some reductions in services. If all of these are approved, the budget will meet the Mayor's guidelines

Mr. Arnold outlined the fee increase proposals which will total about $1.1 Million:

Fee Increase Package

•**Golf Green Fees** Staff is proposing an increase in golf fees to yield approximately $400,000 in additional revenues. This fee could be done in a number of ways, such as a $2.00 per round assessment on non-residents.

Staff is very cognizant of the fact that golfers feel they are subsidizing the Department and that there is a sentiment that any increase in golf fees should be used to maintain the golf courses. Therefore, staff recommended that at least 25% of the golf fee increase revert to the Golf Division and the maintenance budget for golf be increased to $100,000. Staff has also prepared a capital budget expenditure for irrigation improvements totaling almost $900,000 which will improve the condition of the golf courses.

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Fee Increase Package (Continued)

•Golf Reservation System Fee The Commission approved an automated golf course reservation system in December. Staff recommended that all five golf courses be automated by March 1995 and that a $1 fee be charged for the new automated reservation system. Staff anticipated that this fee will generate $100,000 of which $25,000 will be needed to maintain the reservation system.

•Camp Mather Fees The Commission approved a 10% increase in the fees for Camp Mather. This increase will generate $90,000 in new revenues for the Department.

•Summer Day Camp Fees The Department operates 5 summer day camps through the Recreation Division. The fees are extremely low and staff recommended that the fee be increased $20 per child per week which will still keep the day camp fees below the market rate. The fee increase will generate $80,000.

•Japanese Tea Garden Admission The current admission to the Tea Garden is $2.00. Staff proposed an increase to $3.00. Mr. Arnold anticipated that there will be some drop off in attendance as a result of this increase but it is estimated that it will generate $350,000 annually.

•Utility Reimbursements The Department has now incorporated requirements for utility cost reimbursements in most of the its concession leases. These reimbursements are expected to generate an additional $200,000 annually in fiscal year 1995-96.

Expenditure Transfer Proposals ($1.5 Million)

•Urban Forestry Program The Department raises a substantial portion of its own costs through fees, charges and concessions. It also has the benefit of the Open Space Program which is a fixed allocation of the property tax. The Department learned that the approved budget for last year for the Open Space Program was $1Million less than the tax revenue credited to the Program. Therefore there is a $1Million surplus that can be drawn on for the next Fiscal Year.

Staff has recommend that the $1 Million Open Space Program surplus be used to fund the Urban Forestry Program that it is currently supported by the General Fund. This is a shift of a funding source. There is substantial opposition to this transfer and the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee took strong exception to this recommendation. The Committee unanimously recommended that the $1 Million transfer not take place and that it be allocated as follows:

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Expenditure Transfer Proposals ($1.5 Million) (Continued)

Renovation of:

★Jackson Playground$125,000,	★McKinley $125,000
★Eureka Valley Recreation Center $100,000	★Adam Roger Parks $50,000
★Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park $100,000	

Acquisition and Development of:

★South of Market Park $200,000	★Natural Areas Acquisition $100,000
★North Beach Pool $200,000	

Staff's position is that in order to preserve the existing programs it should transfer $1Million from the Open Space Program. A compromise position might be to submit the budget out of balance to the Mayor's Office.

•Afterschool Recreation The Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee has recommended increased allocations for the Open Space Program for 1995-96. Staff recommended that money be used to fund the increased cost of an existing service and transfer $270,000 of recreation costs to the Open Space Program.

•Park Maintenance The Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee has recommended a $240,000 increase in park maintenance under the Open Space Program. With these funds, five gardener positions can be transferred from General Fund support to the Open Space Program.

Expenditure Reduction Proposals

•Sewer Service Charge. Mr. Arnold explained that this Department, including the Zoo, pays to the Clean Water Program $1.5 Million annually in sewer service charges. Staff has determined that it would be legal to reduce this charge by changing the sewer service charge ordinance. The cost savings for the Zoo would be approximately $400,000. However, under the Management Agreement with the San Francisco Zoological Society the cost savings would be allocated to the Zoological Society rather than to the Department. Therefore, the Zoo management agreement will have to be renegotiated to provide the benefit to the City.

•Scavenger Charges The Department pays approximately $500,000 annually in scavenger fees. Staff recommends that to reduce the cost of scavenger costs 40% of the trash receptacles be eliminated City wide. This would save $200,000. However, such a reduction could lead to an increase in open dumping in the parks.

•Close Recreation Centers on Mondays Staff is recommending that 42 of the 67 recreation centers that are now open on Mondays be closed. Latchkey programs operate at the remaining 25 centers. Staff is not recommending these latchkey programs be curtailed. The Monday closure would save $400,000.

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Capital Budget

The capital budget is funded through a variety of sources including the City's General Fund, the Department's Revenue Fund, the Yacht Harbor Fund and the Open Space Fund. There are substantial revenues from the Candlestick Park operation that are part of the capital budget.

•**Candlestick Park.** Staff is recommending that the renovation budget for Candlestick Park be increased from $750,000 to $1.5 Million. The press has reported that this increase is being done at the expense of the recreation centers. However, the increases to Candlestick Park entirely come from increased revenues generated at the stadium.

•**Dredging at the Marina.** Commissioner Rovetti expressed his concern about reducing the Marina dredging budget. He said last year there was concern that boats could not navigate because of the sand buildup. There was even question that the City's fireboat, the Phoenix, might not be able to navigate because of the sand.

Mr. Arnold shared those concerns but said the Department had completed a massive dredging program last year. Even though the recommended level is reduced it is three times the amount that used to be budgeted. Moreover, since the Marina does not receive any General Fund monies an increase in the dredging program would have to be funded through another berth fee increase or cutting the Marina's operating budget.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold did not think the decrease in the dredging budget would affect the five year dredging plan.

•**Golf Course Maintenance.** Increase the golf course maintenance budget by $100,000.

•**Open Space Fund.** The budget for acquisition, development and renovation funded by the Open Space Program has been increased $1,965,663 to reflect the availability of increased revenues and the transfer of the Urban Forestry Program to Open Space funding.

•**Park Bonds.** Multi year appropriations for projects funded by the 1987 Park Renovation Bond ($2,563,000) and Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond $24,287,000 are being requested.

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Mr. Arnold asked the Commission to:

- ➔ Give authorization to proceed with the renovation increase proposals
- ➔ Approve the transfer of the $1 Million to Urban Forestry from the Open Space Fund
- ➔ Approval to approach the San Francisco Zoological Society regarding the reduction management fee or increase in new revenues, or some way for the Department to benefit from the reduction in the sewer service charge for the Zoo.
- ➔ Approval to close the 47 recreation centers on Mondays, effective 7/2/95
- ➔ Approval to remove 40% of the trash receptacles in parks
- ➔ Permission to approach the Board of Supervisors and Mayor seeking their endorsement to change the City's Sewer Service Charge Ordinance so that we can achieve the reductions
- ➔ Adoption of this budget for submission to the Mayor

Commissioner Ruiz asked if the Department was involved in the negotiation of the City union contracts. Mr. Arnold said the Department only gave input. In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said last year a one time transfer of revenues generated by Candlestick Park was used to balance the Department's budget. Staff felt it was bad policy to do this one time transfer. Now, it is making a similar recommendation to approve a one time transfer from the Open Space Fund to the Urban Forestry Division.

Commissioner Chan was concerned that last year $1Million was borrowed from Candlestick Park to balance the budget and this year $1Million is proposed to be borrowed from Open Space Program to balance the 1995-96 budget. It appeared that the Department had a $1Million deficit year after year. Mr. Arnold said that the Department used to budget a $500,000-$700,000 surplus in revenues each year so in the event revenues were down there was a surplus to balance the budget. This year, the Department's revenues were down significantly and was only bailed out because of the revenues received from the two 49er playoff games. The two playoff games balanced this year's budget.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said the 49er playoff games generated almost $700,000 in revenue.

Commissioner Rovetti said the golf courses generate $5 Million a year in revenues and he wanted a portion set aside in a special fund to purchase needed equipment and to maintain the golf courses rather than all of the revenues going to the General Fund. Mr. Arnold explained that a certain percentage cannot be specifically earmarked and protected for the golf courses because the budget goes to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. They can make a determination on how this money should be spent.

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained that capital improvements depend on the funding source. In the case of the Yacht Harbor Fund those revenues must say within the Harbor. In the case of the Open Space Fund which is approximately $18.5Million there is a set formula which allocates those dollars.

Commissioner Mazzola said in a recent meeting with the Mayor's budget staff there was discussion about alternative funding sources such as a Landscape and Lighting District. He asked if any thought had been given to this issue. Mr. Arnold explained that there is a possibility that the Board of Supervisors could create a special assessment district called the Landscape and Lighting District. Several municipalities have done this including the City of Oakland. It is a special assessment on the property tax for the purpose of improving and maintaining the landscape and lighting on public roads. It is possible to create such a district in San Francisco, however it would have to be initiated by a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Public Testimony

David Witty, spoke on behalf of Shanti, and urged the Commission to consider the Eureka Valley Recreation Center and its needs. He was disabled and had AIDS and said the Eureka Valley Recreation Center offers many needed programs. However, the center is not wheel chair accessible nor does it have appropriate restrooms. He said the $1Million Open Space Funds could be used to make the needed improvements.

Jake Sigg, representing the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to the proposed $1 Million transfer of funds from the Open Space Program to the Urban Forestry Division. The Committee meets weekly and listens to the needs of the community from all areas in the City including the South of Market, Tenderloin, Mission, Chinatown, etc. He read the Charter and did not find a justification for taking $1Million from the Open Space Fund. He said taking this money is contrary to the spirit of the amendment approved by the voters. The voters have been supportive of the fund and this action is clearly in violation of that trust.

President Immendorf clarified the issue that the City Attorney has rendered an opinion that states it is legal to transfer Open Space Funds.

Deana McNamara, representing the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to the proposed $1 Million transfer of Open Space Program funds to the Urban Forestry Division. She said that the Committee did receive a letter form the City Attorney stating that it was legal to transfer funds but the Committee questioned it. She did not see how this transfer would help the Department. There are 136 playgrounds in the City and over 95 playgrounds are in need of being renovated or made safe. The Open Space Committee tries very hard to equally divide the money that comes into the Fund. She felt that $1Million should stay with the Open Space Fund.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Greg Gaar, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council and former member of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to the proposed $1 Million transfer of Open Space Program funds to the Urban Forestry Division. He felt there was a problem with the interpretation of the City Attorney ruling on transferring funds from the Open Space Program to Urban Forestry. He read a passage from the Open Space Fund language and said it was a clear violation of the trust of the voters to take this money. This $1Million is necessary for parks, open space, high need areas, Chinatown, South of Market, and Tenderloin. He said the voters have always been supportive of the Open Space Program and park and open space issues in the City.

Jeff Henne, Co-Chair of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to the proposed $1 Million transfer of Open Space Program funds to the Urban Forestry Division. He applauded staff's efforts in its budgetary efforts but viewed this transfer as a "take away" of money from Adam Rogers Park in the Bayview, McKinley Square and Jackson Playground in Potrero Hill, the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park, Eureka Valley Recreation Center in the Castro, the South of Market Park, North Beach Pool and the Natural Areas Fund. Every year the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee is inundated in the number of requests received. He urged the Commission to not take away the $1Million from the Open Space Program.

Ailene Herold-Coffino, representing the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to the proposed $1 Million transfer of Open Space Program funds to the Urban Forestry Division. She echoed the previous sentiments of the speakers that the $1Million not be taken away from the Open Space Fund. The Committee wants to use that money to fund much needed projects. The renovation of the Polo Fields is a high need and it has a high recreational use in the City. There is huge support for these projects and if the transfer of $1Million is granted these needed programs will not be completed.

Marc Norton, said there already reductions to the Recreation and Park Department's 1994-95 budget and the afterschool program has been cut at a number of school sites. Now there is a proposal to close recreation centers on Mondays. He reported that the Public Utilities Commission, responded to the Mayor's budget instructions, by saying it could not live within the budgetary guidelines given and that the Recreation and Park Commission should similarly take the same action.

Leslie Benedict, plays on the African Violet Soccer Team, and has been playing for 3 years. She loves the game of soccer but practices on the Polo Field which is full of holes and has no grassy areas. She asked the Commission to fund the renovation of the Polo Field so that it will be safe for everybody.

Harold Wright, representing the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association, supported the Open Space Program and was strongly opposed to the raiding of the Open Space Fund. The voters thought they knew what they were voting on and to transfer funds is stealing. The Association was not opposed to Urban Forestry but it should be funded from other means. The Open Space Program should be used for the entire City.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Jim Lazarus, from the Mayor's Office, explained that in 1985 the City entered into a long term lease with the 49ers that has resulted in millions of dollars of additional revenue to the City. The Super Bowl which will be played in San Francisco in 1999 will bring over $200 Million to the City and $7-8Million in General Fund revenue. Since 1986, an average of $3-4Million has been spent to make capital improvements at Candlestick Park. This has been done pursuant to the contractual obligation the City has with the 49ers. The lease was extended to 2007 in 1985 on the condition that a reasonable amount of capital project funds would be spent on the stadium. Candlestick Park is 34 years old and must be maintained for both tenants. In addition, Candlestick Park produces General Fund revenue that the Department uses for other programs. In the next 4 years the capital improvement program for Candlestick Park will cost between $21-26 Million. Some of these improvements are part of the bid to get the Super Bowl but in large part are the contractual obligations from the 1985 49er lease amendment. The capital improvement projects at Candlestick are not funded by the City's General Fund.

Lucretia Levinger, representing the Friends of Glen Canyon Park, spoke in opposition to the proposed $1 Million transfer of Open Space Program funds to the Urban Forestry Division. She read what she voted on for the Open Space Program and felt it was a violation of the voter's trust to approve this transfer of funds. She said the electorate should approve the transfer of Open Space funds rather than the Commission.

Claire Isaacs, Co-Chair of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to the proposed $1 Million transfer of Open Space Program funds to the Urban Forestry Division. She said the Committee voted unanimously to spend the $1Million Open Space Program on the 8 projects previously mentioned. She explained that Jackson Playground has a very large population of pre schoolers but the playground equipment is broken and the sand is filthy. McKinley Square is on a hill and the area needs to be fenced for the safety of the children. If one uses the slide you will not land on dirt or sand, but rather, rocks. The Northern California Soccer League will no longer play at the Polo Fields because of the poor conditions. She felt the money should be used for these needed programs and questioned the legality of the action. She noted that the community has a tremendous need.

Agnes Briones, of the South of Market Problem Solving Council, echoed the previous sentiments. She said the South of Market has 1200-1500 children in the area and the neighborhood is changing with new family housing. There will be a lot of families in the future and there is a need for parks and open spaces. The $1Million transfer of funds from the Open Space Program will be done at the expense of the community from the South of Market.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Patricia Langdell, representing the Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association, urged the Commission to keep the open space acquisition and development fund in place. She wanted the open space acquisition and development fund to be maintained and not touched. She said it was important to buy open space when it was available and that once it is built on it will never be a natural space again.

Espanola Jackson, was present to support the Open Space Program. She was very supportive of Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee who has met many evenings, long into the night. The Committee has been very supportive to all of the City's communities.

Willa Sims, a member of the Mayor's Committee on Base Closures, and member of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, said the young people at Adam Rogers Park are looking forward to a basketball court, and a garden for older people. She looked forward to improving Adam Rogers Park and the community is eager to have the renovations completed. She was opposed to the proposed $1 Million transfer of Open Space Program funds to the Urban Forestry Division.

Frank Avenilla, representing the South of Market Children and Family Committee, opposed the proposed $1Million transfer of Open Space Funds to Urban Forestry. He said the South of Market community has very little and there is a large number of families and children in the area who would like to have a park in the neighborhood. He urged the Commission to reconsider the transfer of funds.

LaNita Sanchez, a mother, tax payer and soccer advocate, said it was the youth and disfranchised that get hurt because they cannot speak for themselves. She appreciated what staff was trying to do but urged the Commission to listen to the voice of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. She said the Committee has heard from the many communities and are representative of the community. She urged the Commission to listen to the Committee's recommendation rather than to staff's proposal to transfer funds from the Open Space Program.

Jude Deckenbach, supported the Jackson Playground renovation and opposed the transfer of funds from Open Space to Urban Forestry. She said the equipment at the playground is 18 years old and none of it meets current standards or safety codes. There is a need for new play equipment and the renovation of the playground was desperately needed. There is overwhelming community support for this project and the community has done fund-raisers, paint-outs, clean-outs, but funds were needed to purchase equipment.

Joyce Kleiner, representing the Potrero Hill Parents Association, said the Associaton was founded to spearhead needed improvements for Jackson Playground. Many programs are offered such as a toddler and pre-school playgroup that is completely staffed by volunteers. The children of the community has been waiting for a playground for over 2 years. She said her child is not a budget figure and that although it may be legal to transfer funds such action does not make it right.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Joan Anthony, representing McKinley Square, said she has been working on this project over 2 years. She urged the Commission to use the money from Open Space Fund to make repairs at McKinley Square. The community has written grants, done fund-raisers and her daughter cannot use the play equipment because it is unsafe. She was present to support the use of Open Space Funds for McKinley Square. As a native San Franciscan she could not believe the deterioration of equipment and structures at the City's playgrounds.

Steve Valdespino, representing San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club, said it seems that the City that used to know how is stealing funds. The Open Space Program is funding projects that Recreation and Park should be funding. He said the Department makes hundreds of thousands of dollars on special events at the Polo Fields but the money does not go back into the Polo Field. He said the Soccer Club has had 6 major injuries from the Polo Field and the field is not suitable for play. He was opposed to the transfer of Open Space Funds to the Recreation and Park Department.

Mia Morrill, representing Telegraph Hill Dwellers, said the pool at North Beach is sinking and cannot be repaired. She supported the use of Open Space Funds for the North Beach Pool and said she has been waiting several years for this project.

Cathy Franklin, representing McKinley Square, said, as a parent, she supported the use of Open Space Funds to repair neighborhood parks and to make improvements at parks that are in deplorable condition. She spoke as a voter, and friend of McKinley Square. She asked the Commission to place the needs of the children of the community first.

Mila Stroganoff, vehemently opposed the pinching of money from the Open Space Fund and to redistribute it to Urban Forestry. She said the Open Space Program was adopted in 1974 and renewed in 1988 with 80% voter approval. She said if the electorate had spoken and followed the law, why can the City Attorney decide where the funds will be allocated. She felt that transferring the funds was wrong and should be brought before the electorate. She also did not approve of the removal of 40% of the trash cans from the park.

Margaret Brodkin, representing Coleman Advocate for Children and Youth, said it is not unprecedented to have a commission say "no" to the Mayor about a budget. She recommended that the Commission defer approval of this budget and sit down with the Mayor and explain that the Recreation and Park Department offers the best public safety program in the City. In the past 4 years, Rec Park's General Fund contribution has decreased by 25% while the Police, Sheriff, Laguna Honda, District Attorney and other departments have increased their General Fund support from 5% to 30%. She said the Department is being asked to do something that is intolerable and urged the Commission to tell the Mayor it cannot live with the budget instructions.

Max Raynard, said he liked to play in parks and liked to play soccer. He did not like the parks to be filled with holes and dirt and did not like them to be messed up.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Clayton Mansfield, representing the Sierra Club, said if the Commission adopts a budget that goes along with the Mayor's proposal to reduce the Department's General Fund allocation for the 5th time in 6 years it does a grave disservice to the citizens of this City. He said the Commission should inform the Mayor that Recreation and Park needs an increase in General Fund support. He was not opposed to upgrading Candlestick Park as long as it was not being done at the expense of the City's recreational centers or compromising the integrity of the Open Space Fund.

Nan McGuire, a member of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to the proposed $1 Million transfer of Open Space Program funds to the Urban Forestry Division. She challenged the Commission to tell the Mayor that the Recreation and Park Department budget is quite as important as the Police Department's budget. She lives next to a neighborhood park and it is used all the time.

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President Immendorf said that this Commission is involved and concerned with all of the Department's programs and has fought year after year to maintain children's programs and senior programs. The Department has suffered enormous reductions in its staffing levels. He thanked the members of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee for voicing their concern and understood their feelings. He wished there was some other way to retain the same level of service without transferring funds from the Open Space Program. He said it was a painful process but unless an alternative could be found he recommended approving the transfer of funds.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that the $1Million surplus in Open Space Funds was discovered in December 1994. Mr. Arnold said that the $3.8 Million reduction equates to approximately 40% of the total General Fund support for the Department other than the funds provided for Golden Gate Park and the Zoo.

Commissioner Ruiz shared the sentiments expressed by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee but felt in this situation he had to support the transfer of $1 Million to Urban Forestry. He supported the transfer provided that it is a one-time transfer. He wanted the record to reflect that this transfer of funds from the Open Space Program to the Recreation and Park Department will not occur again. If it were not for the Open Space Program many worthwhile projects would not be funded. He was tired of Recreation and Park being viewed as a Department that will take the brunt of the budget reductions.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, **Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon,** said the Department has a program of inspection of its facilities, particularly of the play areas, that is done on a monthly basis. There is no program for replacement because after five years of budget reductions, the play areas are in a state of disrepair, and the parks are not cleaned on a regular basis. If play equipment is found to be unsafe it is either removed or roped off.

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1995-96 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Commissioner Rovetti questioned why funds were not set aside in the budget to maintain parks and recreation centers. Mr. de Leon said there is a maintenance budget but there are insufficient funds to make repairs. Commissioner Rovetti was willing to tell the Mayor there is a need to repair, replace and renovate the City's playgrounds because there is a need to invest in our children's future.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Arnold said that if the Commission submitted a budget that was out of balance the Mayor's Office staff could delete programs or services or return the budget to the Department. However, the Mayor's staff has the option to cut it any way they choose without approval from the Commission. Although it is not consistent with the Mayor's budget instructions the budget could be submitted out of balance detailing how the extra $1Million in Open Space Funds would be spent.

Commissioner Farrow explained that she was moved by the testimony received today but did not know of an alternative except to approve the transfer with the hope that it will be for one time only.

Commissioner Ruiz made a motion that all of staff's recommendations be approved with the exception of the closure of recreation centers on Mondays; Commissioner Mazzola seconded this motion and asked if he could make an amendment to add a condition that staff will pursue the creation of a Landscape and Lighting District assessment. Commissioner Ruiz accepted this amendment.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said that it was taking a risk to submit an out of balance budget but that he spoke to Supervisor Hsieh's office who informed him that the supervisor planned to hold hearings on the proposed closure of the recreation centers.

Commissioner Mc-Ardle-Solomon asked if the Urban Forestry Division had a required spending allocation. **General Manager, Mary E. Burns** said Urban Forestry is part of the Department and the Division is behind schedule in meeting a commitment to keep Golden Gate Park and neighborhood parks, golf courses with trees. There is also an issue of public safety.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the Commission adopted the following resolution:

RES. NO. 9502-019

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves submission to the Mayor of the 1995-96 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department with inclusion of the ❶Fee Increase Package, ❷Expenditure Transfers, and ❸ Expenditure Reductions with the exception of the Monday closure of Recreation Centers, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the ❶Operating Budget, ❷Capital Budget, and ❸Bond Funded Projects as presented for the Recreation and Park Department, Fiscal Year 1995-96.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Stratta urged the Commission to support Lefty O'Doul's enrollment into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He discussed the importance of having Mr. O'Doul in the Baseball Hall of Fame on the date of his birth and outlined his accomplishments as a player.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

San Francisco, California
February 16, 1995

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

701st REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and First Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 16, 1995 at 2:10 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 1995 and the minutes of the Special meeting of February 2, 1995, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated by the Parks Division for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Dave DeGenova, Carpenter Supervisor I, is being honored. Jim Lucey, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Structural Maintenance, will make the presentation.

STORM DAMAGE REPORT UPDATE Attached is a detailed report on the clean-up work still underway following the January storms.

Neighborhood Parks Neighborhood park personnel continue to clean up after the recent storms. The majority of the work being performed is related to debris removal. Crews are assisting the tree toppers and heavy equipment in this task. It is expected that these tasks will go on for an extended period of time in some cases. Progress is being made in some routine tasks such as mowing. This will improve as the turf areas dry out.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

STORM DAMAGE REPORT UPDATE (Continued)

Golden Gate Park Gardening staff continues clean-up throughout the park. Brush is being stacked, pathways cleaned, small logs piled, etc. Clean-up is expected to continue through April, 1995.

◆Roads Closed: Middle Drive West. Closure due to tree and hanger removal; opening on Saturday, February 18, 1995.

◆Pathways Closed: Rhododendron Dell; various pathways. No opening date; Strawberry Island; total closure. No opening date; Arboretum; Cloud Forest pathway. No opening date.

Urban Forestry The tree crews in the Golf Division, Golden Gate Park and Neighborhood Parks continue to spend all of their time on storm-related work. At this time nearly all of the hazards have been identified, prioritized and flagged with "danger" tape. There is still enough volume of work to keep the crews busy for the indeterminate future.

Both reforestation crews (Neighborhood Parks and Golden Gate Park) had been assisting the tree crews with hazard reduction work, primarily in Golden Gate Park. On February 13, they returned to their normally scheduled work.

Marina Yacht Harbor The San Francisco Yacht Harbor experienced damage to the north jetty in six areas. Holes in the sea wall have resulted from the storm wave action in two locations west of the St. Francis Yacht Club and two locations between the St. Francis Yacht Club and Golden Gate Yacht Club. Department staff have made emergency repairs to the most seriously damaged area. This repair will prevent further damage due to wave and tide action. Cost estimates for repair are being prepared. There are also two areas where significant cave-ins have occurred on the rubble mound jetty east of the Golden Gate Yacht Club. Preliminary cost estimates to repair the damage are $22,000-$28,000.

Golf Staff at the golf courses have begun to catch up on mowing and greens and tee care. They are still cleaning up huge amounts of debris from the storms, trying to get the courses cleaned before the beginning of the City Tournament that starts February 22. The gardeners are still devoting approximately 70% of their time to this effort. Revenues lost due to weather: $300,000 for the period January 3 to February 10, 1995.

Storm Damage Wood Sale The Department has received at least one promising bid on the downed wood from the January storms. Also, included was a bid on the current accumulation of logs for the past year. Jaci Fong, Senior Purchaser, is preparing a formal bid document to be circulated among other potential bidders as soon as possible. If this process does not produce a qualified bidder, it will enable us to declare an emergency and utilize a more informal bid procedure. If that does not produce results, we have identified a source of funds to rent a giant chipper to turn the logs into usable soil amendments for the parks. The formal bid process is due to be conclude March 10.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

STORM DAMAGE REPORT UPDATE (Continued)

Storm Damage Cost Recovery Park Division staff are preparing a cost recovery document to be submitted to the Mayor's Budget Director for possible reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All storm related costs will be listed in the hope that funding relief can be obtained.

MARINA WESTEND RESTROOMS Robert Cockburn, City Engineer, has provided a status report on the Marina Green restrooms. The project was awarded in February 1994 to A.R. Construction Company to redo the electrical system and the plumbing systems and make repairs to the restrooms. The original completion date was August 1994, which was modified to November 8, 1994 with the addition of small changes to the work. Since November 9, 1994, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has been assessing liquidated damages on the contractor at the rate of $500 per calendar day.) The current contract value is $137,101, from which DPW will subtract liquidated damages as soon as the contractor completes his remaining work. All work is complete with the exception of interior light fixtures and conduit, which should be done by the end of this month. In addition to assessing liquidated damages, Mr. Cockburn intends to pursue action against the contractor and attempt to preclude him from bidding on further work for DPW.

CANDLESTICK PARK SEATING The modification to the windscreen seating area was put out to bid. Only one bid was received, and it was in an amount twice that of the estimate. The project will be repackaged for bid, calling for one half of the project in base bid and incremental sections as additive alternates. Several companies will be contacted and encouraged to submit bids. It is possible that the construction project will now extend into baseball season. This will require coordination so as not to interfere with the Giants use of the stadium.

MARINA GREEN - LARGE EVENTS At the February meeting of the Parks and Planning Committee, two individuals expressed concerns regarding the adverse impact to the Marina Green when large events are scheduled at this site. The specific events mentioned were the "Fleet Week Celebration" and the "NFL Kick-Off Event." The last permit for the "Fleet Week Celebration" was issued in 1993 for Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10. The "NFL Kick-Off Event" was issued a permit for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 3, 4 and 5, 1994. Following both events, the site was thoroughly cleaned by the permittee and there was no damage reported by Park Division staff. The $10,000 performance bond was returned intact. Recent conversations with Permits and Reservations staff and Park Division staff confirmed that there had been no damage to the Marina Green and that the area had been left in a clean condition.

RHODODENDRON DELL VANDALISM It recently came to our attention that as the various types of rhododendrons come into their bloom period at Rhododendron Dell, some person or persons unknown have been harvesting branches in the evenings. No one has been observed as yet, but the Mounted Patrol, staff in the area and Park Patrol have been alerted.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

LAKE MERCED The Water Department started pumping dechlorinated water into Lake Merced on January 22, 1995. The water level rose 2.09 feet between January 22 and February 14–approximately 1 inch per day–as a result of pumping and rainfall. The rate of increase has slowed as water covers a larger and larger area.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 20, 1995	Presidents' Day Holiday
Wednesday, February 22, 1995	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; Alice Chalmers Playground, 670 Brunswick
Wednesday, March 1, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, March 2, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, March 6, 1995	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, March 7, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, March 15, 1995	Arboretum Master Plan Public Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; County Fair Building
Friday, March 17, 1995	St. Patrick's Day Lunch; 12:00 noon; Stern Grove

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission, and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following Resolutions were adopted:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS **RES. NO. 9502-020**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period January 3, 1995 through February 2, 1995.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

b. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9502-021**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

EXCHANGED FROM:	PURCHASED FROM:
Metro Toronto Zoo P. O. Box 280 West Hill , Toronto Canada Twenty (20) Red-legged Tarantulas	Washington Park Zoo, USDA #92-C-001 4001 SW Canyon Road Portland, Oregon 97221-2799 Two (2) male and two (2) female Barrow's Golden Eye (water fowl)

EXCHANGED TO:
Metro Toronto Zoo
P. O. Box 280
West Hill , Toronto Canada
Six (6) Goliath Tarantulas

c. **MISSION RECREATION CENTER** **RES. NO. 9502-022**
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Mission Recreation Center soccer team overnight trip to California Association Cup Tournament in Redding, California on January 7-8, 1995.

d. **SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9502-023**
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division overnight trip to Lake Tahoe, February 18-20, 1995.

e. **LAKE MERCED** **RES. NO. 9502-024**
URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRES
INCREASE OF FEES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from Urban Park Concessionaires to increase boating and fishing fees at Lake Merced, effective March 1, 1995.

Boat Rentals	Current	Proposed
Row Boats		
a) Hourly	$ 7.00	$ 9.00
b) Half Day (3-5 Hours)	16.00	20.00
c) Full Day (5 + Hours)	21.00	25.00
Electric Motor & Boat		
a) Hourly	$11.00	$13.00
b) Half Day	25.00	30.00
c) Full Day	36.00	38.00
Canoes		
a) Hourly	$ 7.00	$ 9.00
b) Half Day	16.00	20.00
c) Full Day	21.00	25.00
Paddle Boats		
a) Hourly	$ 8.00	$ 9.00
b) Half Day	21.00	21.00
c) Full Day	NA	NA
Boat Rentals-Senior Rates	**Current**	**Proposed**
Row Boats *		
a) Hourly	$ 3.00	$ 4.50
b) Half Day	8.00	10.00
c) Full Day	10.00	12.50
Electric Motor & Boat		
a) Hourly	$ 5.00	$ 6.50
b) Half Day	13.00	15.00
c) Full Day	18.00	19.00
Canoes		
a) Hourly	$ 3.00	$ 4.50
b) Half Day	8.00	10.00
c) Full Day	10.00	12.50
Boat Deposit		
Electric Motor & Boat	$ 40.00	$ 45.00
All Other Boats	30.00	30.00

***MONDAY-FRIDAY, NON-HOLIDAY**

Item or Service	Current	Proposed
North Lake Daily Access Permit	$3.00	$ 4.00
South Lake Daily Access Permit	0.95	0.95
Annual For Seniors	5.00	6.00
Annual For Non Seniors	10.00	15.00
Rod/Reel Rental Daily	5.00	6.00
Deposit	20.00	20.00
Anchors, Net, Seat. Cushion, Life		
Jacket Daily Rate	$ 2.00	$ 2.00
Private Boat Launch		
Daily	$ 4.00	$ 5.00
Semi-Annual	$25.00	$35.00
Annual	$ 40.00	$70.00

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

f. **SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE LEASE AMENDMENT** — **RES. NO. 9502-025**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Third Amendment to the Sharp Park Golf Course Lease permitting Joan Lantz to remit green fees on a monthly basis to the Department and to approve the increase in the amount of the surety bond from $25,000 to $100,000.

h. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** — **RES. NO. 9502-026**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Norma Peterson in the amount of $2,200.

i. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** — **RES. NO. 9502-027**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Pamela Foggarty in the amount of $5,000.

j. **GOLDEN GATE PARK MUSIC CONCOURSE MULTIPLE DAY EVENT** — **RES. NO. 9502-028**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the multiple day event at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park on Wednesday, May 10, 1995, through Sunday, May 14, 1995, for the Ninth Annual San Francisco Youth Arts Festival.

k. **GOLDEN GATE PARK DE YOUNG MUSEUM TEMPORARY SCULPTURE** — **RES. NO. 9502-029**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the temporary sculpture installation in front of de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park from June 1995 to September 1995.

l. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** — **RES. NO. 9502-030**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $1,110.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a) From the San Francisco Orchid Society, $1,000.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

b) From the San Francisco Orchid Society, $110.00, for the purchase of greenhouse thermometers for the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

The Commission unanimously approved these items.

Note for the Record: Item 4g was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

4g. GOLDEN GATE PARK
RICHMOND SUNSET TREATMENT PLANT
DEMOLITION PLAN

Approval of plans for the demolition of the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant located at the west end of Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a request to demolish the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant that was closed last year upon completion of the newly constructed Oceanside Treatment Plant located south of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens. The Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant has been in Golden Gate Park since the early 1930s and has always been considered a non conforming use of park property. The cost of demolition as well as restoration of the site will be borne by the Department of Public Works and is part of the mitigation program that was agreed upon in return for the construction of the Oceanside Treatment Plant near Zoo land.

Emeric Kalman, explained that he felt an open house should be scheduled to discuss the future use of this site in Golden Gate Park. He said that there are many uses for this area and suggested that mushrooms could be grown. He felt that public participation for the future use of this land was important.

Michael Muir, explained that he wanted the Commission to be aware of his interest in the site of the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant. He is involved with a horse drawn carriage concession which requires a large area for its operation. He said the site of the treatment plant could accommodate a horse drawn concession and wanted to make the Commission aware of his business venture for the park.

Commissioner Chan noted that this site will be used as a construction staging area for some of the Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond improvements to be done in the near future.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9502-031

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the plans for the demolition of the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant located at the west end of Golden Gate Park.

Note for the Record: 2:20- 2:25 p.m. Commissioner Rovetti left the meeting room.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. LAKE MERCED
BICYCLE LANE ALIGNMENT

Approval of Lake Merced Boulevard bicycle lane alignment.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a request to widen the road along Lake Merced Boulevard to provide additional area in the right hand travel lane for bicycle travel. The widening will encroach on to the park at two locations - at Winston Drive and the landscape island at the Sunset Boulevard parking lot. Ms. Learner said the bicycle lane alignment will slightly widen the road and will encourage safer bicycle use. The bicycle lane alignment will hopefully reduce user conflicts with the runners, walkers, rollerbladers who use the multi purpose perimeter pathway. This project is being funded through the Transportation Development Act and there is no cost to the Recreation and Park Department.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9502-032

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Lake Merced Boulevard bicycle lane alignment.

The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

6. ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Approval of a multiple day event at the parking lot, west of the St. Francis Yacht Club, from Tuesday, April 25 through Monday, May 1, 1995.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request to use the parking lot adjacent to the St. Francis Yacht Club in conjunction with a boat racing competition that will be hosted by the Yacht Club. A canopy tent will be set up in the parking lot to be used for press conferences, information, and bleacher seats to view the boat race. There is no history of prior year's since this is a first time request. Ms. Woo outlined the conditions for approval of the permit.

Jack Kaus, representing the St. Francis Yacht Club, explained that he was present to respond to any questions posed by the Commission. He said that the boat racing event was held last year without incident and there was such keen interest in the event the St. Francis Yacht Club decided this year to offer a viewing area for the public.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

6. **ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued) **RES. NO. 9502-033**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the multiple day event at the parking lot, west of the St. Francis Yacht Club, from Tuesday, April 25 through Monday, May 1, 1995.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **GREAT HIGHWAY - ROAD CLOSURE**
MARINA GREEN - POST RACE EVENT

Approval of road closure along the Great Highway on Saturday, August 5, 1995, from 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and use of Large Marina Green for a post race event for the 15th Annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathalon.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request for a road closure along the Great Highway and the use of the Marina Green for a post race event. Although the event has been held for the past 15 years, this is the first time the post race event will be held at the Marina Green. Ms. Woo outlined the conditions for approval of the permit.

David Horning, the promoter of the event, explained that he was present to answer any questions and hoped that members of the Commission would participate in the event which includes swimming from Alcatraz to the Municipal Pier, followed by a 20K bicycle ride and finally a 1-1/2 mile run.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9502-034

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Approval of road closure along the Great Highway on Saturday, August 5, 1995, from 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and use of Large Marina Green for a post race event for the 15th Annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathalon.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. **FRANKLIN SQUARE/CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**
29TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Approval of a multiple day event at either Franklin Square or Civic Center Plaza from Thursday, April 27 through Monday, May 1, 1995, for the 29th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival.

8. **FRANKLIN SQUARE/CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**
29TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request to stage the annual Cinco de Mayo event at either Franklin Square or Civic Center. The event sponsor would prefer to stage the event at Civic Center. However, Civic Center Plaza may not be available as the Department of Public Works will be using a portion of the plaza as a construction staging area for the retrofitting of City Hall. The event includes live music, food and beverage booths and craft concessions. In the past two years there have been no problems associated with this event.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9502-035

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a multiple day event at either Franklin Square or Civic Center Plaza from Thursday, April 27 through Monday, May 1, 1995, for the 29th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

Note for the Record: After the meeting, it was learned that the Cinco de Mayo event would be held at Civic Center Plaza.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
AWARD OF LEASE

Consideration of the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables.

President Immendorf explained that every member of the Commission has been contacted about this issue and the members had received countless calls and letters regarding the award of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease. Some of the commissioners were concerned about approving this item in light of the fact that a massive amount of reading material relating to the award of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease was recently delivered. He wanted to inform the public that there was a concern among a few members coupled with the fact that the Commission had recently lost its seventh member.

Commissioner Rovetti said he has been inundated with telephone calls on this issue and received a phone call last night from New York. He said many statements have been made since the Committee meeting that was held last November and that staff has been asked to investigate all of the allegations made. He felt the Commission should put this matter to rest at this meeting. He said a stipulation could be made on the award that if the concessionaire does not conform to lease they will be terminated. He was prepared to make a decision on this matter.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
AWARD OF LEASE (Continued)

Commissioner Chan explained that at the Committee meeting in November many allegations of fraud were made. Staff has checked these allegations and has now changed its recommendation from one bidder to the other. He had several questions to pose and really did not care whether the matter was postponed.

Commissioner Ruiz made a motion to postpone making a decision on this matter and that a special meeting be scheduled within the next thirty (30) days. Commissioner Chan seconded this motion.

Commissioner Rovetti said the Department's attorney was present, attorneys for each of the potential bidders were present, and felt that a decision should be made to clear up all of the issues surrounding the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables.

President Immendorf said that some of the commissioners had expressed concern about making an informed decision because of the material recently delivered to them and felt it was unfair to the public to listen to hours of public testimony only to put over making the decision.

Commissioner Chan said that he received a large packet of material yesterday afternoon and spent hours pouring over the document. He wanted to be sure that if there was new material presented that he had ample time to review it.

A discussion ensued about the material recently submitted, the time frame to review materials presented, and whether it was fair to the public to listen to hours of testimony without rendering a decision.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked that any material or information be submitted no later than ten days before the date of the special meeting to afford commissioners sufficient time to fully review the documentation submitted.

D'Anne Quinton, informed the Commission that it was not being fair to the public. She felt that the notice of the meeting had been inadequate and she questioned the fairness of the process. She said the process is unfair and that staff should have to abide by guidelines. She again stated that there was very little notice given to the date of the meeting.

Robert McCarthy, the attorney representing one of the potential bidders (the Golden Gate Park Stables), said that as much as he would have liked to have had a decision made at this meeting, he felt it would be best to make a full presentation at the special meeting so the Commission could make an informed decision.

Dr. Hamby, one of the potential bidders said he was not politically inclined and was trying to give the City a better stable. He said that the other bidder is a good salesman while he is a poor salesman. He urged the Commission to use its judgment and to be fair in formulating its analysis on this matter.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
AWARD OF LEASE (Continued)

Mary Moore, asked that the special meeting be held at a location that could accommodate the number of people who are interested in the decision of the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Alex Anolik, representing the Mounted Sheriff Posse, suggested that the Commission contact its City Attorney and discuss the issue of the privatization of the public interest. He referred to Burkett Equitation Field that might be taken from the public and used for the exclusive use of the concessionaire of the Golden Gate Park Stables.

President Immendorf clarified the point that Burkett Equitation Field is no longer part of the bid package for the Golden Gate Park Stables and that this issue had been resolved several months ago.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the Commission directed that a special meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission be scheduled in approximately thirty (30) days to discuss the award of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease and that all information, materials and supporting data must be presented to the Commission no later than ten (10) days *before* the date of the Special Meeting.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Emeric Kalman, thanked the General Manager for making an inquiry on the status of the restrooms at the Marina Yacht Harbor. Mr. Kalman then explained that he spoke in opposition to the Zoo Infrastructure Bond at the hearing of the Board of Supervisors. He explained that he felt a full investigation should be conducted on this bond. He objected to the way money was being spent from this bond and wanted to establish a task force to oversee the spending plan for the infrastructure bond.

11. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

12. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Ruiz asked for a status report on the projects at Franklin Square, Mission Dolores Soccer field and Alioto Mini Park.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Commission approved the award of contract for the Mission Dolores soccer field in January. Although several members of the Commission felt that this project was moving slowly Ms. Burns explained the Department of Public Works had expedited the project and that it was moving fast through the planning process. The Alioto Mini Park project was temporarily delayed over the issue of the Conservation Corps performing the work. Agreement has now been reached and the project will proceed shortly.

13. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of January 4, 1995
- Recreation Program Committee meeting of January 11, 1995
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of February 2, 1995
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of February 7, 1995

14. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Enola Maxwell, a neighborhood activist who is recovering from recent heart surgery.

There being no further business, the 701st Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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MINUTES

702nd REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Second Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 16, 1995 at 2:10 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 1995, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

"*EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION* Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Deborah Learner, Park Planner, is being honored. Deborah is in charge of planning and capital projects for the Recreation and Park Department. Her work was instrumental in developing the 1987 Park Bond and the 1990 extension of the Open Space Program. Her skill in forging consensus out of disparate groups has been demonstrated repeatedly, most recently in the development of the draft masterplan for Golden Gate Park which is now undergoing environmental review. She has a strong commitment to the protection of the environment in general and San Francisco's public parklands in particular and has been instrumental in developing the Recreation and Park Department's efforts towards protecting San Francicso's significant natural resource areas. Phil Arnold, Assistant General Manager, will make the presentation.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

STORM DAMAGE REPORT We have again suffered major damage from the recent storms. Particularly heavily hit were Golden Gate Park and the golf courses. Many roads in Golden Gate Park remain closed and are a danger to pedestrians as well as cars as many limbs have broken loose and are hanging over paths and roadways. Attached is a detailed report on the storm damage.

ARBORETUM MASTER PLAN Last Wednesday evening a public meeting was held on the Master Plan for Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. The planning team presented a very exciting plan for both the Gardens and the County Fair Building Complex. The public turnout was good and the mood was positive. This plan will be brought to the Commission in April for inclusion in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan as a special area plan for environmental review.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS' TICKET PRICES The San Francisco Giants have announced that all of their tickets during the month of April will be discounted by 50%. Under the Giants lease, any change in ticket prices requires Commission approval. The Giants have not sought such approval. Any discount in ticket prices approved by the Commission could result in reduced rent payment by the Giants to the City. For the 1995-96 fiscal year, the rent revenue from the Giants is projected at approximately $1.1 million. A reduction in this revenue will have a direct, negative impact on the renovation program for Candlestick Park. The City Attorney has prepared a draft letter to the Giants, a copy of which is attached to this report, asking whether they intend to seek Commission approval for a change in their ticket prices and whether they intend to base their rental payment on ticket prices approved by the Commission or on discounted ticket prices.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOO On March 7, 1995, San Francisco Zoological Society Chair Mary Jane Armacost and Zoo Director David Anderson joined leaders of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to announce a new partnership in a series of field conservation projects around the world. William Conway, General Director, and George Schaller, Director of Science, of WCS welcomed the San Francisco Zoological Society in their new collaboration partnership. WCS is one of the world's leading international conservation organizations, devoted to saving endangered species and ecosystems. It conducts 270 projects in 50 countries. During its 100-year history, WCS has helped to create more than 100 parks and preserves. The first project of this partnership is an effort to create a five-million acre preserve along the Peruvian/Bolivian border where 11% of the planet's bird species originate. The Zoological Society's support of this project is between $15,000-20,000 per year, with funds derived from Zoological Society membership.

LAKE MERCED PERIMETER PATHWAY Under the rules of this Commission, you have asked that I report to you the completion of capital project on Recreation and Park Department property. I am pleased to report the completion of the Lake Merced perimeter pathway. Improvements included surfacing of the multi-purpose asphalt pathway and the addition of a four-foot wide jogging pathway to better accommodate joggers, bicyclists, skaters and walkers. Responses from users have been favorable and appreciative. This project was possible through a 1987 bond fund and with matching state funds. Total cost of the project was $758,000, which was $58,000 less than the projected budget.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

JAMES THREAT - AWARD RECIPIENT I am pleased to report that James Threat, Principal Recreation Supervisor, was one of twenty-one community leaders from the Oceanview-Merced-Ingleside neighborhood who received Daniel E. Koshland Civic Unity Awards from The San Francisco Foundation in recognition of remarkable efforts in bringing visibility and voice to the concerns of neighborhood residents. Mr. Threat was honored for his past work when he was a director at the Oceanview Recreation Center.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months of November and December 1994 and January 1995:

November

Boyer, Ronald	$ 277.00	Sakazaki, Michael	$2,864.33
Herraiz, Angel	95.00	Simmons, David	647.90
Choy, Raymond	687.33		

December

Burke, Jeremy	$ 75.00	Lowe, Helen	$ 244.10
Gee, David	1,973.28	Malone, Idell	1,664.64
Zanoni, Marvin	1,049.73	Malone, Sheree	1,920.99
Lee, Wing Keung	543.11	Lee, John	1,150.70
Rush, Thurley	350.00	Segale, William	214.57
Moreira, Pedro	240.15	Tom, Jacqueline	585.00
Hubbell, Samuel	250.10	Richardson, Jayne	5,000.00
Hansen, Helga	60.00	Williams, Wendell	474.37
Genochio, Debra	112.31		

January

Wiss, Heidi	$ 528.25	Jensen, Robert	$ 463.14
Shrimpton, Patrick	310.00	Watkins, RoberT	140.00
Kurson, Russel	350.74	Lucchesi, Emilia	99.65
Bykin, Maria	555.56	Kinner, Dwayne	230.33

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, March 17, 1995	St. Patrick's Day Lunch; 12:00 noon; Stern Grove
Wednesday, March 22, 1995	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; Boeddeker Park, Jones & Eddy Streets
Wednesday, March 29, 1995	Special Recreation and Park Commission meeting; 2:00 p.m.; Golden Gate Park Senior Center, 6101 Fulton (near 37th Avenue)
Monday, April 3, 1995	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, April 4, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 5, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, April 6, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolutions were adopted:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 9503-036

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period February 3, 1995 through March 2, 1995.

b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS — RES. NO. 9503-037

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM:
Gillis Grove Birds
1334 Gillis Road
Stockton, CA 95215
Three (3) Male Orinoco Geese

SOLD TO:
Marine World, USDA #93-C-021
1000 Fairgrounds Drive
Vallejo, CA 94590
Two (2) Male and Two (2) Female Grey Kangaroos , $3,500 for the group

PURCHASED FROM:
Micke Grove Zoo
11793 N. Micke Grove Road
Lodi, CA 95420
Three (3) Female Orinoco Geese, $300.00 for the group

SOLD TO:
For the Birds
1506 Happy Valley Road
Nampa, Idaho 83687
One (1) Male and One (1) Female Whooper Swan, $200 for the pair

SOLD TO:
Bramble Park Zoo, USDA #46-C-001
P. O. Box 910
Watertown, SD 57201-0910
One (1) Male and One (1) Female Grey Kangaroo, $2,000 for the group

c. RECREATION DIVISION PROJECT INSIGHT CAMP MATHER TRIP — RES. NO. 9503-038

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Project Insight Summer Day Camp Program for deaf children's trip to Camp Mather from August 7 through August 12, 1995.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

d. **TEEN PROGRAM** **RES. NO. 9503-039**
DAY TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Friday Night Teen Program one day snow trip to Lake Tahoe on March 18, 1995.

e. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9503-040**
OVERNIGHT WINTER TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division overnight winter trip for 10 teenagers who are visually impaired, to the Lake Tahoe area, from March 31 through April 2, 1995.

f. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9503-041**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $285,200.00, Recreation and Park Department:

a. From D'anne Quinton and Jerry Spolter, $1,000.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for two park benches.

b. From Joy Johnson Phoenix, $500.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for the Adopt a Monument Fund.

c. From Macys'/Bullocks, $1,500.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for the Department's Reforestation Program.

d. From Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ingham, $500.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for Golden Gate Park maintenance.

e. From Nestle Beverage Company, $500.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for Herz Playground equipment.

f. From City Parking Company, $6,000.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for Volunteer Park maintenance.

g. From Stop AIDS Project, $2,500.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for the Teen Program.

h. From Grateful Dead Productions, Inc., $750.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center Christmas Party.

i. From David B. Gold Foundation, $10,000.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for Reforestation and Memorial Bench Program.

j. From an anonymous donor, $12,000.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for the Recreation Program.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

f. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS (Continued)** **RES. NO. 9503-041**

k. From an anonymous donor, $100,000.00, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, for the Reforestation Program at Golden Gate Park and Lincoln Park.

l. From the Catherine Takamine Trust, representing partial distribution from the trust, $150,000.00, for the Takamine Garden in the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Golden Gate Park.

g. **GREAT HIGHWAY** **RES. NO. 9503-042**
SAN FRANCISCO TRIATHALON
ROAD CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closure along the Great Highway on Sunday, August 20, 1995, from 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for the San Francisco Triathalon.

h. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA AND WASHINGTON SQUARE** **RES. NO. 9503-043**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS
SOON 3 THEATER PERFORMANCES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the multiple day events on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, May 29, 30 and 31 and June 5, 6 and 7, 1995 at Justin Herman Plaza and Saturdays and Sundays, May 27 and 28 and June 3 and 4, 1995 at Washington Square for Soon 3 Theater performances of "Peek".

i. **JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA** **RES. NO. 9503-044**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
27TH ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the multiple day event at Japantown Peace Plaza on Saturdays and Sundays, April 15, 16, 22 and 23, 1995, for the 27th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

j. **SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS (SLUG)** **RES. NO. 9503-045**
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract between the Recreation and Park Department and the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) to extend term of contract to June 1996 and to increase the amount by $77,500.00

The Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

Note for the Record: Item 4k was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

k. NEW CHINATOWN PARK
AWARD OF CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION BUILDING

Approval of the award of contract to CICI/R&W, Joint Venture, in the amount of $445,792.00, for the construction of the recreation building at the new Chinatown Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Department of Public Work and the Recreation and Park Department request that the Commission approve the award of contract to CICI/R&W Joint Venture, for the construction of a recreation building at the new Chinatown Park as this will require a response from the contractor. Presumably, the contractor will not be able to construct the building for this amount and will withdraw their bid. CICI/R&W submitted a low bid $445,792, however the engineer's estimate was approximately $1.8 Million. This action is recommended because the record of the contractor on other construction activities has been shown to be unsatisfactory. By taking this action, the award of the contract, the bidding process will be brought to closure. All other bids came in way beyond the engineer's estimate. Because of this, a redesign of the structure and revision of the bid package will be done before the project is put out to bid again. For these reasons, she recommended the Commission approve the award of contract.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-046

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to CICI/R&W, Joint Venture, in the amount of $445,792.00, for the construction of the recreation building at the new Chinatown Park.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. STERN GROVE FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Informational presentation from the Stern Grove Festival Association on the 1995 Summer Festival series at Sigmund Stern Grove.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Recreation and Park Department has been a partner with the Stern Grove Festival Association for over 50 years. She felt it was important for the Commission to learn how the annual summer festival is put together and, at the same time, give an opportunity to formally and officially thank the Stern Grove Festival Association for the wonderful concerts they bring to the public each summer.

5. STERN GROVE FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION (Continued)

Rhoda Goldman, Chairman of the Stern Grove Festival Association, explained that the Association formed a partnership with Recreation and Park many years ago that is unprecedented. The Association, is an independent non-profit, which has produced the oldest, continuously running summer concert series in the country. This collaboration works together to share resources, maximize efficiency, encourage broad based constituencies, and fulfill common objectives.

Mrs. Goldman's grandmother, Rosa Lee Stern, was the President of the City's Playground Commission. Her grandmother gave the Sigmund Stern Grove property to the City with the mandate that it only be used for recreational purposes. Subsequently, she formed the Stern Grove Festival Association to create concerts and other musical entertainment for the public at no charge. At the time the concerts were organized, in 1938, it gave the symphony musicians extra work so that they could earn money during the Depression. Together through the partnership with the Commission the Festival continues to provide the Bay Area community the finest performances in symphony, opera, blues, ballet, jazz, musical theater, dance, and more. Stern Grove offers a beautiful natural amphitheater that lends itself to these events. The Festival continually strives to add to the quality of life of every citizen of this community and in recent years has extended its efforts to do so.

A few years ago the Festival formed a long range planning committee and concluded that it should educate a wider, more diverse community. To that end, the Festival has pursued a number of programs including presentations at the deYoung Museum, the San Francisco Community Music Center and La Peña Cultural Center in Berkeley. Recently, the Festival collaborated with the Recreation and Park Department to put on a "Kids Day at the Grove." The Festival engages artists, production, technical staff and equipment and, with the assistance of Recreation and Park, recruits children from recreation sites throughout the City. Kids from age 6 to 12 participate in this summer day camp.

This year's opening concert will be held on June 18. The theme for the program this year is the celebration of nations and the entire season honors the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations which took place in San Francisco on June 26, 1945. The highlight of the summer program will be on the weekend of June 24 and June 25 with the appearance The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London and the Opęra de Lyon of France with Kent Nagano conducting. Other programs will showcase the multi national and multi cultural population.

Mrs. Goldman thanked the Commission and the Department for its support throughout these many years. She hoped the Commission took pride and personal satisfaction in what has been accomplished in one of the most successful public/private partnerships in the country.

President Immendorf said that the Commission owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mrs. Goldman and her family. He commented that he has attended many of the summer events at Stern Grove and the fact that they are still offered free to the public is a miracle in itself. He expressed his personal thanks to Rhoda Goldman and the Stern Grove Festival Association.

Note for the Record: The Commission took no formal action on this item.

6. **SHARP PARK**
PACIFICA SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Adoption of a resolution regarding the construction of Pacifica's proposed treatment plant on Recreation and Park Department property at Sharp Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that an informational presentation was given to the Parks and Planning Committee on the status of the proposed siting of a treatment plant at Sharp Park. The Committee recommended that a resolution opposing this construction in Sharp Park be brought forward for the Commission's consideration. Some months ago, there was another informational presentation given to the Commission and, at that time, Commissioner Immendorf wrote a letter to the City of Pacifica expressing his concern and opposition to the construction of the plant.

Ms. Learner displayed an aerial photograph of the property at Sharp Park which was left to the City and County of San Francisco by Onara Sharp. The deed restriction provides that the land shall be used for park and recreation purposes only and it is dedicated park land. The City of Pacifica came to the Department in April of 1990 with a proposal to site a treatment plant on this property. At that time, staff worked with the Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW sent a letter that identified visual and odor impact problems associated with a treatment plant. The environmental impact report (EIR) identified a quarry site as the preferred alternative for a treatment plant rather than the Sharp Park site. Further, a value planning exercise was conducted by the City of Pacifica and in November of 1993 a report was issued that identified Recreation and Park's land as the least preferred option.

Recently, there has been renewed interest in the Department's land and staff has grave concerns particularly in light of the fact that Pacifica has withdrawn proposed mitigations such as covers and odor control mechanisms for the plant. The Department entered into this process with an open mind and over the past five years there have been many discussions. However, the Department felt a very strong message should be given to the City of Pacifica clearly stating the City's intention that Sharp Park land is an inappropriate site. Ms. Learner then read the proposed resolution for adoption.

John Loiacono, representing the Department of Public Works, urged the Commission to adopt the resolution to oppose the construction because he believed that the City of Pacifica has two very viable options. He said the quarry site is the superior site and if it cannot be obtained Pacifica can retrofit their existing plant to achieve what is required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. He did not think there was a need for Pacifica to use the Sharp Park land to build its sewage treatment plant. He further explained that the Commission should state that it is opposed to any changes in mitigation requirements because sewage treatment plants are odorous and should be covered to treat odor issues. If the Sharp Park property is considered then San Francisco will object to the type of waste water treatment process the City of Pacifica is proposing at this time.

6. **SHARP PARK**
PACIFICA SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (Continued)

Brenda Maxwell, spoke in opposition to the placement of the sewage treatment plant on Sharp Park land and urged the Commission to inform the City of Pacifica of this fact. She said 4 years ago a Pacifica employee, Scott Holmes, decided that the Sharp Park land was an ideal site for a sewage treatment plant and commissioned a draft environmental impact report (DEIR) on this land only. A group of experts which became known as the Value Planning Team were given the task of finding solutions for Pacifica's waste water needs. They selected 7 sites in Pacifica for the plant and the Sharp Park land was rated the least desirable with the most negative impacts. Recently the City of Pacifica was directed to reduce the cost of the treatment plant and have eliminated odor control measures.

William Bradford, said the proposed resolution addresses many of the issues. He felt the potential growth and expansion of the sewage treatment plant was of paramount importance, noting that if it is placed on Sharp Park land it will be the location for the next 100 - 200 years. For that reason only, he felt that the Commission should oppose the site. There will be construction for 2 years if the site is approved creating noise and nuisance to the golfers. He had reviewed the deed restrictions for the Sharp Park and felt that all of the Sharp Park land would be lost if the plant was approved. He urged the Commission to stop the City of Pacifica from considering the Sharp Park site for a plant.

Brenda Ross, special counsel for the City of Pacifica, said that Pacifica wanted to make a new proposal. She said, in fact, there are not as many options to place a sewage treatment plant. The quarry site is along the ocean. The piece of land Pacifica is interested at Sharp Park is separated by two roadways and is removed from the community and other locations. She proposed that Pacifica trade a strip of this park land for park land that is abutting the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). This land would then provide access to the GGNRA area and combined with the wetland area, give access to the ocean. She asked the Commission not to make a decision and to consider this new proposal. The City of Pacifica is still designing the plant and it is underground as much as the sewage treatment plant recently construction near the San Francisco Zoological Gardens. Pacifica will cooperate in any way it can to control odors and has commitments to place covers and scrubbers on the plant.

Dan Minkler, totally objected to the placement of a sewage treatment plant on dedicated park land not only because of its proximity to a residential area but also because it creates a noise problem when it is operational. He believed that the Sharp family dedicated this area for park land.

Noreen Urrutia, said the land was donated for recreational purposes and that it should be kept as the Sharp family dictated.

6. **SHARP PARK**
PACIFICA SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (Continued)

Mary Heinzen, reminded the Commission that there are golfers and archery users that are opposed to the plant and over 1500 signed petitions were submitted years ago. She strongly supported the substance and timing of the resolution and appreciated the efforts of Deborah Learner. Pacifica's City Manager recently stated that multiple designs would be submitted including the existing site to the Regional Water Quality Control Board to meet the final design deadline. Given all the time in the world, she did not believe that Pacifica could build a plant that is compatible with park use. She asked the Commission to honor the intent of the donors of the Sharp Park land that it always remain for park use and urged the Commission not to set a precedent.

Nancy Hornor, representing the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), read a letter from Brian O'Neill, General Superintendent of GGNRA, which stated, in part, that the proposed sewage treatment plant on Recreation and Park Department property is an entirely inappropriate use of the Sharp Park land. The letter further stated that if the City of Pacifica takes steps to condemn the property GGNRA will take action to prevent this from happening. Finally, GGNRA asked to be kept informed of any further meetings regarding this issue.

Vi Gotelli, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Pacifica, said she had a nice relationship with General Manager, Mary Burns and Park Planner Deborah Learner, over the years and found them to be professional. She said the City of Pacifica will have to continue to deal with the City of San Francisco and wanted it to remain harmonious whatever happens in the future. She further explained that she was not speaking for the council but only for herself.

Amy Meyer, addressed the Commission as a former member of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission and a member of GGNRA for over 25 years. She thought the resolution was excellent, comprehensive and hoped that it was adopted. The resolution says decisively that the land should be defended for the benefit of all the users, for reasons of the nature of the gift by which it was given, and this land has been included in the national park and International Biosphere Reserve. The idea of trading the land is not in the public's interest. It is in the best public interest of Pacifica if it learns decisively from the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission that the Commission has no intention of letting Pacifica have this land so it can turn its attention elsewhere. Should this issue come to a condemnation proceeding, she vowed to do everything within in her power to see that it is unsuccessful.

Marcus R. Smith, agreed with the previous statements made and said the Pacifica Fairway Park Association is accused of having a nimby (Not in My backyard) attitude for not wanting the sewage plant. However, he thought it was technically unfeasible to pump water uphill and that condemning the Sharp Park Land was stealing Recreation and Park's land . There have also been promises made that the City of Pacifica will employ odor controls and lids and yet there is no proof that it has funds available to even purchase a piece of land.

6. **SHARP PARK**
PACIFICA SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (Continued)

Judith Sullivan, was opposed to the placement of a sewage plant on Recreation and Park land and said a workshop was conducted in 1993 which rated the Sharp Park land as the last preferred option. None of the other 6 sites had fatal flaws and there are 6 alternatives besides Recreation and Park's land. She said it should not be the problem of San Francisco that 3 of the sites were left out of the environmental impact report. She said Pacifica may say the quarry land has prohibitive costs but it scarred the land when they were conducted its topography. She felt Pacifica has banked on placing the sewage treatment plant on Recreation and Park's land all along, continually flaunting the idea that San Francisco will shake hands in a friendly condemnation. Should the Resolution pass she hoped the City of Pacifica would respect the spirit of the Resolution. She urged the Commission to force Pacifica to look elsewhere.

President Immendorf asked his fellow commissioners to review the letter he sent on April 7, 1994 to the City Manager of Pacifica voicing his strenuous opposition to the placement of a treatment plant on park land. He said his personal opinion had not changed in the year since that letter was sent. He appreciated Pacifica's generous offer to trade a piece of land but having a treatment plant on Sharp Park would negatively impact the golf course. Certainly, the Commission had no negative feelings toward the City of Pacifica and he understood the City's position. He hoped that future relationships would be professional, without any animosity.

Commissioner Chan said that one of the foremost duties of the Commission is to protect park land and to preserve it for park use only. The Parks and Planning Committee unanimously recommended that a Resolution be adopted by the Commission to defend and protect Sharp Park land.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-47

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the following resolution regarding the construction of Pacifica's proposed treatment plant on Recreation and Park Department property at Sharp Park:

WHEREAS, Sharp Park is a major dedicated recreation and open space preserve of approximately 454 acres maintained under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department; and

WHEREAS, The deed conveying Sharp Park to the City and County of San Francisco stipulates that the land now known as Sharp Park is to be used only for recreation and park purposes; and

WHEREAS, Non-recreational use of the property could trigger reversion of the City's property right to the State or to private parties; and

6. **SHARP PARK**
PACIFICA SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (Continued)

RES. NO. 9503-47

WHEREAS, Sharp Park provides many acres of open parkland offering wildlife habitat, scenic views and opportunities for future recreational improvement, a golf course visited by players throughout the bay region and, as a popular and scenic course, provides an important revenue stream to the Recreation and Park Department, as well as a unique archery facility; and

WHEREAS, Sharp Park is included within the boundary of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area which is under the auspices of the National Park Service which, therefore, has a responsibility for ensuring that the qualities which warranted its inclusion of this land within park boundaries are not degraded; and

WHEREAS, Sharp Park is also included as part of the Central California Coast Biosphere Reserve; and

WHEREAS, The City of Pacifica has identified Sharp Park as one of the several possible locations for sewage treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, The placement of a sewage treatment facility on dedicated park property would become an established use well into the next century and this use would restrict the use and enjoyment and potential improvement of the park for recreation and park purposes for many decades to come; and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Impact Report identified the "quarry site" as the preferred alternative as well as the existing plant site as a feasible option; and

WHEREAS, The preferred site option presents a better opportunity for water reclamation, wetland restoration and cost effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Mitigations that should be required for any project of this sort should include, but not be limited to, burying the treatment facility under existing grades, covering the facility, providing redundancy of treatment processes, and providing odor control facilities to maximum extent feasible; and

WHEREAS, If treatment facilities were imposed upon dedicated parkland, there may be pressure in the future to expand these facilities to respond to requirements to correct violations imposed upon the treatment plant operations by regulatory agencies or by population pressures; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission is the steward of the dedicated parklands of the Sharp Park property and thus has the responsibility for maintaining and safeguarding these dedicated parklands for the highest and best recreation and park use possible; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby find the construction of a wastewater treatment facility an incompatible use of dedicated parkland and strongly states its opposition to the possible construction of water pollution control facilities on Sharp Park; and be it

6. **SHARP PARK**
PACIFICA SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (Continued)

RES. NO. 9503-47

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby request that the City Attorney take all actions necessary to oppose the use of Sharp Park as a site for sewage treatment facilities and any action to condemn Sharp Park property.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ADMISSION FEE INCREASE

Approval of the request from the San Francisco Zoological Society to increase admission fees at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, effective April 1, 1995:

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that this item was considered before the Joint Zoo Committee and is a request to increase admission fees at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens by $.50 in all categories and to lower the age for free admission for children from 6 to 3. The fee increase was planned as part of the Zoo's 5 year long-range plan. The Zoo will retain the free admission day on the first Wednesday of each month and offers free admission for school groups and disadvantaged groups. The last fee increase was in July 1992. There has been a cost of living increase of 6.2%, increased labor costs and maintenance costs. These admission fees are comparable to what is charged at other institutions and zoos in the Bay Area.

Mr. Anderson further explained that the maintenance of the existing facilities has been deferred in past years, the horticultural staff has been reduced from 8 to 4, and continuation of the Reforestation Program is badly needed particularly with the recent storms.

The budgeted operating expenses reveal that $11,247,900 will be generated in revenues with expenses of $12,312,500, resulting in a loss. The Zoo has started an animal enrichment program, and new amenities such as banners, tables, umbrellas and signage have been added. The newly renovated otter exhibit, macropod exhibit, flamingo exhibit, and the feline conservation center are important additions to the Zoo. Three-quarters of the Zoo's attendance comes from people outside the City of San Francisco.

President Immendorf commented that he had reviewed these admission fees and felt they were justified.

Emeric Kalman, asked if had a study been done on attendance figures in light of a higher admission fee. He added that while the cost of maintaining and operating the Zoo is increasing, it may also be the case that increasing fees will cause a drop in attendance resulting in a drop of revenues for the Zoo.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ADMISSION FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Mr. Anderson explained that this issue was considered and that one of the important needs is to market and advertise the Zoo. The Zoological Society began a marketing effort last summer, and noted an 18% increase in attendance levels. It is clear that a modest price increase will not be viewed as a problem and the Zoo will be able to market the institution.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-48

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the San Francisco Zoological Society to increase admission fees at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, effective April 1, 1995:

Category	Current Fee	Approved Fee
Adults (16 to 65)	$6.50	$7.00
Youth (12 to 16)	3.00	3.50
Seniors (65 and over)	3.00	3.50
Child (6 to 12)	1.00	1.50
Child (3 to 6) (New category)	-0-	1.50
Group Adults (16 to 65)	5.50	6.00
Group Youth (12 to 16)	2.00	2.50
Group Seniors (65 and over)	2.00	2.50
Group Child (6 to 12)	.50	1.00
Group Child (3 to 6) (New category)	-0-	1.00

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK AND GREAT HIGHWAY**
ROAD CLOSURES AND PERMIT FEE
84TH ANNUAL EXAMINER BAY TO BREAKERS RACE AND CELEBRATION

Approval of the permit fee and the road closures in Golden Gate Park and along the Great Highway for the 84th Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race and celebration on Sunday, May 21, 1995 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that approval is requested for road closures and the permit fee for the annual Bay to Breakers event much of which will be held in Golden Gate Park, in May. The end-of-the race celebration will be held in the Polo Field as it has in past years. Mr. Robinson reviewed all of the proposed road closures. Last year, the organizers brought a truck into the park on King Drive to pick up the runners near the Polo Field and transport them downtown. This practice worked well in clearing the runners from the park and they plan to transport runners this way again. The event sponsor will offer free parking. Last year there was no damage to the park from cars parking on grassy areas.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK AND GREAT HIGHWAY (Continued)**
ROAD CLOSURES AND PERMIT FEE
84TH ANNUAL EXAMINER BAY TO BREAKERS RACE AND CELEBRATION

The permit fee is $60,000 based on $1.00 per registered runner. Last year $30,000 was accepted in cash and $30,000 in the form of an in-kind service of 8 1/4 page advertisements in the Examiner. The same permit fee arrangement is being asked for this year's race. Last year a walk-through was done before and after the event to check for damage to the park. The only damage found was one broken sprinkler head. Mr. Robinson asked the Commission to approve the road closures, the performance bond, the permit fee, the in-kind service and the activities as outlined in the Commissioner's supporting data.

Commissioner Chan explained that at the Committee level, there was question whether the in-kind service was useful to the Department.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained the Department has only used one of the eight Examiner advertisements. There is a plan to place an ad promoting the Aquatics Program to see if there is a positive response since swimming pool revenues have declined. Staff is also trying to develop other ideas for ads. She suggested that the arrangement be approved again to see if the Department can benefit from these advertisements. The one Examiner ad was used to promote the annual tree lighting ceremony. Staff needs to continue to evaluate this program and report back to the Commission next year on the benefits of these advertisements.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if the advertisements were restricted to publicizing events or could articles be printed highlighting and promoting Department programs.

Mr. Robinson said the arrangement with the Examiner was for advertisements only and explained that the Department's Teen Coordinator is developing a program entitled "Young Teens on the Move" and plans to advertise the creation of this program in the Examiner. He thought it would be an excellent avenue to promote the program for both teen and parents.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-49

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves road closures in Golden Gate Park and along the Great Highway for the 84th Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race and celebration on Sunday, May 21, 1995 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and a permit fee of $30,000 in cash and eight quarter page advertisements in the S. F. Examiner.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

9. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA AND EMBARCADERO PLAZA PERMIT FEE AND MODIFICATION TO AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY BLACK AND WHITE BALL**

Approval of a permit fee for a fenced event at Justin Herman Plaza and Embarcadero Plaza from Monday, June 12, 1995 through Saturday, June 17, 1995, for the Black and White Ball and approval to modify the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to approve the permit fee for the Black and White Ball which will be held at Justin Herman Plaza. In the past, this event has been held at the Civic Center area but this year, because of the closure of City Hall, the promoter plans to use Embarcadero Center, the Ferry Building parking lot, Embarcadero 3 and 4, the Hyatt Regency, Justin Herman Plaza and the grassy area adjacent to the Plaza. The promoter wants to install a carrousel on the Plaza and to place a tent on the grassy area adjacent to the Plaza.

Staff asked approval of the modification of the amplified sound policy for Justin Herman Plaza. The existing sound policy for Justin Herman Plaza allows sound between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and two hours between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. This request is to allow continuous amplified sound until 2:00 a.m. on one day. The sound will be contained to the tented area. The tent will have sides on it to contain as much sound as possible. This was the practice at prior year's events at Civic Center Plaza and no complaints were received.

Mr. Robinson asked for permission to place the carrousel on park property and for construction of a tent on the grassy area. All aspects of the construction of the tent have been reviewed and approved by the Park Division including use of the grassy area. A plan has been formulated to minimize damage to the grass and the promoter has been asked to erect the tent at the last moment to prevent browning of the turf area. The weight distribution from the carrousel on the Plaza has also been evaluated by the Park Division. The permit fee agreed upon is $8,000; the permit fee for use of Civic Center Plaza for the last Black and White Ball event was $6,500. The performance bond is $10,000.

This year will be the first time the Black and White will be held at Justin Herman Plaza. Staff has notified the residents of the Golden Gateway, all of the nearby businesses and no complaints have been registered. Recently, the New Year's Block Party was held at Justin Herman Plaza. The event promoter has adopted some of the procedures used at the New Year's Eve party that worked very well. Mr. Robinson asked the Commission to approve the event as presented.

Queenie Taylor, representing the Black and White Ball, explained that she was present to answer any questions the Commission might have.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Robinson explained that the agenda wording states the event will be for six days because that will include setting up and breaking down the event. The actual event is one day only.

9. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA AND EMBARCADERO PLAZA PERMIT FEE AND MODIFICATION TO AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY BLACK AND WHITE BALL (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said that the Commission has granted exceptions to the amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza in the past. He wondered if others would ask to modify amplified sound at other Recreation and Park properties in light of this exception.

Mr. Robinson explained that the sound policy for amplified sound at Justin Herman Plaza specifically states that any deviation from the existing policy requires approval from the Commission. Therefore, the Commission must review each request for amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-050

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a permit fee in the amount of $8,000, to fence an event at Justin Herman Plaza and Embarcadero Plaza from Monday, June 12, 1995 through Saturday, June 17, 1995, for the Black and White Ball and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission modifies the amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza to allow sound from Friday, June 16, 1995 at 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 1995.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

10. MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AUTOMATED TEE TIME RESERVATION SYSTEM ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVATION FEE APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEM AND EXPANSION OF SYSTEM

Approval of acceptance of automated tee time reservation system at Harding/Jack Fleming Golf Course, expansion of program to Lincoln Park, Golden Gate Park and Sharp Park Golf Courses, and establishment of $1.00 reservation fee.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that this item is a request to extend the automated tee time reservation system to all of the Department's golf courses. The new system has been in place at Harding Park since December 1994 and the majority of the comments have been favorable of the new system. There were a few start-up problems and adjustments were made to the phone information menu. Generally, the public finds that the new system is more equitable and it also offers a better tracking system for the starting times.

The fee of $1.00 for each reservation will be charged when a tee time is made. At each golf course, there is a starter sheet which records the day's golfing activities by starting time, name, and fee category. The new starter sheets are easier to read and should satisfy the questions raised in the past by the Grand Jury concerning the former hand written starter sheets. The $25,000 yearly maintenance cost for the tee time reservation system will be covered by the $1.00 reservation fee.

10. **MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE (Continued)**
AUTOMATED TEE TIME RESERVATION SYSTEM
ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVATION FEE
APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEM AND EXPANSION OF SYSTEM

Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose, explained that Connell Craig, of the Harding Park Men's Club, submitted a letter that requested proceeds from the $1.00 assessment be allocated to golf course improvements and that it be done proportionally to the fees collected at each individual golf course.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-051

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the automated tee time reservation system at Harding/Jack Fleming Golf Course, expansion of program to Lincoln Park, Golden Gate Park and Sharp Park Golf Courses, and establishment of $1.00 reservation fee.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

11. **MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**
AUTOMATED TEE TIME RESERVATION SYSTEM
ESTABLISHMENT OF "NO SHOWS" POLICY

Approval to establish a policy regarding "no shows" by golfers using automated tee time reservation system for the Municipal Golf Courses.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that the automated tee time reservation system for the Department's golf courses will now impose a penalty for those who make a reservation but do not show-up to play golf. Formerly, there was no means for the Department to impose a penalty for "no-shows."

Mr. Killian proposed that the automated tee time system be programmed as follows:

- First time "no-shows" will receive a warning;
- Second time "no-shows" will be blocked by the system for one month;
- Third time "no-shows" will be blocked from making a reservation for six months and will pay lost green fees.
- Fourth time "no shows" will be barred from the system.

Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose, explained that at the Committee level Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked that fees be charged upon the second instance of when someone does not show up for a golf reservation.

Mr. Killian explained that in the past a group of four (foursome) would call up various municipal golf courses individually to see who could get the best starting time. After reservations were made by all four, the group would select one of the starting times. Since there was no penalty to cancel a reservation, the reservation would remain on the starter sheet causing a "no-show" at one or more of the golf courses. This penalty will give an incentive to those making reservations to cancel a reservation if the group or individuals decide they do not want to play at a particular golf course.

11. MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE
AUTOMATED TEE TIME RESERVATION SYSTEM
ESTABLISHMENT OF "NO SHOWS" POLICY (Continued)

Mr. Killian further explained that there is no penalty to cancel a reservation, only a penalty if one does not show up at a golf course.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-052

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the establishment of the following policy regarding "no shows" by golfers using automated tee time reservation system for the Municipal Golf Courses.

- First time "no-shows" will receive a warning;
- Second time "no-shows" will be blocked by the system for one month;
- Third time "no-shows" will be blocked from making a reservation for six months and will pay lost green fees.
- Fourth time "no shows" will be barred from using the automated tee time reservation system.

Commission unanimously approved this item.

12. McLAREN PARK GOLF COURSE
SAN FRANCISCO GOLF ENTERPRISES
GREEN FEE AND CART FEE INCREASES

Approval of green fee and cart fee increase, effective April 1, 1995, at McLaren Park Golf Course.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Erik deLambert, doing business as SF Golf Enterprises, has been leasing and operating the McLaren Park Golf Course for the last 14 years from the Recreation and Park Department. Staff has received a request to increase golf fees and cart fees at this course. The last time the Commission approved an increase was in 1993. Mr. deLambert has established a new "Friday" category rate. Some of the other golf courses in the Bay Area are establishing this category. Unlike the other golf courses under the jurisdiction of Recreation and Park, the Department receives 6% of the gross green fees and gross cart fees from the lessee. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the request.

President Immendorf noted that the Commission has been trying to resist increasing fees for seniors and asked staff to consider adjusting the fees for seniors if complaints are registered that this increase is too burdensome.

Commissioner questioned the term "senior surcharge" and asked staff to review this term. "Senior surcharge" is the total charge to seniors playing the Back Nine.

12. **McLAREN PARK GOLF COURSE**
SAN FRANCISCO GOLF ENTERPRISES
GREEN FEE AND CART FEE INCREASES (Continued)

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-053

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the green fee and cart fee increase, effective April 1, 1995, at McLaren Park Golf Course, as follows:

Green Fees	Present	Approved
Weekdays 9 Holes	$10.00	$11.00
Weekdays 18 Holes	$15.00	$17.00
Fridays 9 Holes (New)	N/A	$12.00
Fridays 18 Holes (New)	N/A	$20.00
Weekends/Holidays 9 Holes	$13.00	$14.00
Weekends/Holidays 18 Holes	$22.00	$24.00
Senior Ten Rounds - 9 Hole Tickets	$60.00	$70.00
Senior Surcharge for Back Nine*	$ 4.00	$ 5.00
Power Cart Rental	**Present**	**Approved**
1 Rider - 9 Holes	$ 5.00	$ 8.00
2 Riders - 9 Holes	$10.00	$12.00
1 Rider - 18 Holes	$10.00	$12.00
2 Riders - 18 Holes	$20.00	$22.00

* Note: This is the total charge for seniors.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

13. **ST. MARY'S SQUARE**
PARK RENOVATION PLAN

Approval of the park renovation concept plan at St. Mary's Square.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is to approve the concept plan for St. Mary's that includes the area that is now part of the St. Mary's Square garage rooftop. The additional area will expand the existing park by one-third and offer the expansion of recreational opportunities adjacent to the existing park. It will make a much larger and more interesting use of the space. In Chinatown, land values are high, and it is extremely desirable to obtain this property in a cooperative arrangement with the Department of Parking and Traffic.

There have been a number of problems in developing this land. First, it was found that the structure needed to be upgraded in order to make park improvements. Then, the earthquake of 1989 deferred renovation. Now the garage is going to be structurally upgraded which will enable development of the garage rooftop for recreational purposes. Part of that renovation will include disabled access. An elevator will be installed which will tie the garage with the rest of Chinatown.

13. **ST. MARY'S SQUARE**
PARK RENOVATION PLAN (Continued)

The long range plans are to develop an older children's play area. In previous action, the Commission approved a tiny tot play area in another quadrant of the park. There is room for potential expansion in the future when funds become available. At present, the area will park vehicles. At some future time, there is potential to provide an additional recreation area perhaps in the form of a clubhouse when funds become available.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-054

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the park renovation concept plan at St. Mary's Square.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

14. **BEACH CHALET**
APPROVAL OF LEASE

Approval of a twenty (20) year lease with Beach Chalet L.P., to operate a microbrewery and restaurant on the second floor of the Beach Chalet building, located in the west end of Golden Gate Park along the Great Highway.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Beach Chalet building has been standing vacant for many years. The building once operated as a bar. In 1984 $1.2 Million of public money was invested in the Beach Chalet to make needed improvements to the building and although costly improvements were made, the building still lacked an elevator as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, heat and has a substandard electrical system. Because the building required substantial renovations costing approximately $1 Million, nobody was interested in making the financial investments to renovate the building and operate a business.

Fortunately, in 1993 the Department was the recipient of a Federal grant from the Intermodel Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and received $724,000 to complete renovation of the Beach Chalet building and to establish a Visitors' Center and Museum for Golden Gate Park on the first floor of the building. Therefore, staff prepared a request for proposal for the second floor of the Beach Chalet. The Department would operate the Visitors Center on the first floor and the prospective tenant would operate the second floor.

Sixty bid packages were picked up by interested parties, 11 individuals attended the pre-bid conference and two bids were received. One of the two bids submitted was incomplete and therefore disqualified. The other bid was responsive and staff has been negotiating since June of last year with the Beach Chalet L.P. to operate a microbrewery and restaurant.

14. BEACH CHALET
APPROVAL OF LEASE (Continued)

Mr. Arnold outlined the terms of the proposed lease which is a 20 year lease with a minimum of $72,000 annually **or** 6% food/non-alcoholic beverages; 10% for beer; and 5% retail merchandise. The Recreation and Park Department must complete improvements to the rear garden area behind the Beach Chalet building and to the Visitors Center on the first floor. If the Department fails to make these improvements, the levels of rent are altered with the minimum rent decreasing to $61,920 (if the Visitors Center is open but not the back garden area), to $49,320 (if the back garden area is open but not the Visitors Center), to $32,760 (if both the Visitors Center and back garden area are not open). Mr. Arnold was confident that the Department would complete both the Visitors Center and the back garden area so that the highest minimum rent would be guaranteed. The tenant will pay its utilities, maintain the restrooms, wash the upstairs windows, and the maintain the signage for the concession outside of the building. The tenant will contract for routine, regular maintenance of the elevator. However, any major elevator repairs outside of regular maintenance will be borne by the Department.

The prospective tenant has limited partners who will be investors in this project and has received letters of interest from various individuals to fund the restaurant. Gregory and Lara Truppelli and Timon Malloy, the three major partners, have enough money in the bank to make the necessary capital improvements to the second floor. They also have a separate consulting agreement with an individual who has been directly involved in the successful establishment and operation of eight microbrewerys throughout the country.

The original term of the lease called for a 20 year lease with 2 five year options at the tenant's request. However, the Finance and Candlestick Committee recommended that the 2 five year options should be implemented by mutual agreement of both the tenant and the Department. Mr. Arnold felt the terms of the lease were reasonable, the prospective tenants were eager and committed to the project and recommended approval.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the restaurant hoped to be open approximately one year from the date of the approval of the lease.

In response to Commissioner's Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the percentages were based on gross receipts. Commissioner Ruiz voiced his concern that if the Department did not complete the Visitors Center or the back garden the rent would markedly decrease. Mr. Arnold explained that the Department made a commitment to complete these two areas in the bid package.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question regarding funding to complete these 2 areas, Mr. Arnold said the ISTEA grant received is specific to the facility, the 1992 Golden Gate Park bond will be used to upgrade the electrical system and are dedicated funds, and the garden will be renovated by Friends of Recreation and Parks. There are approximately $200,000 of private funds that will be necessary to complete the balance of the project. He was not relying on any General Fund support to make these improvements.

14. BEACH CHALET
APPROVAL OF LEASE (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz asked if staff had considered reviewing the terms of the lease in five years. Mr. Arnold felt that if the Department was only receiving the minimum rent in five years then the logical step would be to consider closing the restaurant. He said as the business improves then the Department's return greatly improves. Commissioner Ruiz was concerned that the microbrewery might be thriving on the Visitors Center.

In response to President Imemndorf's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that the Department has already invested over $1Million in this facility and will be investing another $1Million.

President Immendorf said that based on the maximum rental rate of $72,000 annually over a 20 year period the Department will receive $1,500,000. Therefore, the terms of the lease do not generate substantial money for the Department unless the restaurant is an enormous success.

President Immendorf was concerned where the Department would find money to complete the Beach Chalet renovation particularly in light of the tough budgetary reductions facing Recreation and Park. He noted that the Commission just voted on closing recreation centers on Mondays because the Department's budget is so limited. He wondered where the money would be found to complete the project and felt the Commission would feel better if the lease could be revisited in five years so that the percentages might be adjusted.

Commissioner Chan reminded the Commission that when the request for proposal were sent, the Department made a commitment to complete the outdoor garden and Visitors center.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold explained that if the Commission approved the lease it would then be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors who also have to approve it. If the Commission has concerns about the terms of the lease it should be resolved at this meeting because the Board of Supervisors cannot change the lease; only accept or reject it.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the tenant has developed low, medium and high assumptions. The low assumption would generate over the first 10 years $1.2 Million to the Department and the tenant would receive $1.8 Million; on the high assumption, the Department would receive $2 Million and they would receive $3.5-4Million. As their business improves, the Department's return also improves.

Commissioner Chan questioned the cost of living increase but felt if the Department was still receiving minimum rent after 2 to 3 years the business would not succeed. Therefore, if the restaurant prospers on an annual basis, the cost of living will increase, as well as food and beverage prices, resulting in increased revenue to the Department.

14. BEACH CHALET
APPROVAL OF LEASE (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz said their profit margin will always be far greater than the Department. If they have a thriving business and the Visitors Center and back garden area are considered the so-called anchor, then there should be better lease terms.

A discussion ensued about the fact that so many deals and leases have fallen through on the Beach Chalet and it could remain empty another 2 or 3 years while staff prepares another bid package. Mr. Arnold said the Department could be viewed as the anchor because of the Visitor Center and back garden area but the restaurant may also be viewed as the anchor. Currently, this corner of the park is very quiet at night. The restaurant could be a benefit to the northwest corner of Golden Gate Park since the west end of the park is very underutilized.

Thomas Jones, representing the Local 6 Musicians Union, said he has brought the Beach Chalet project to the City's attention when he did some benefit shows in the Haight. He thought that working with the City he could help put on benefits or special activities similar to what is done on public television. He introduced himself to make sure that everyone works closely with Local 6 Musicians Union in an effort to control the crime and deteriorating condition of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Emeric Kalman, said he welcomed the project but had some concerns about the project. He wanted to know if there were any engineer estimates on the capital projects. He further said that he was very concerned knowing how long projects take to be completed between the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works, sometimes many years, even if funds are available. He wanted to see a check list of what is being done by the Department and what is being furnished by the prospective tenant.

Lara Truppelli, representing the Beach Chalet Restaurant, was excited about the proposed project to revitalize the Beach Chalet and to establish a restaurant and visitor center to serve the community. She was present to answer any questions of the Commission.

President Immendorf was inclined to approve this item even though he had some reservations. He did not know how long it would be before another proposal of merit would be submitted. He said from a financial standpoint the proposed lessee is capable of carrying out their end of capital improvements.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question regarding the $1-2Million estimate of revenues in rent during the first 10 years, Mr. Arnold said an estimate of gross income based on the food and beverage merchandise was done. Mr. Arnold did not think the minimum rent would come into play because the percentages should give the Department more money rather than the minimum rent.

Commissioner Ruiz said it was such a major gap and he questioned why the Department would endorse this financial scheme.

Mr. Arnold said one of the prior bid packages did not even require a minimum rent. However, in the last bid request a minimum rent of $60,000 per year. This bid of $72,000, is more than the minimum rent requirement of the bid package.

14. **BEACH CHALET**
APPROVAL OF LEASE (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said the building has been vacant and on the market for a number of years and that the Commission had to be brave to revitalize this area of the park.

Commissioner Ruiz wanted to consider reopening the lease in the first 5 years. President Immendorf explained that he, too, was concerned about the term of the lease and suggested a 10 year lease. However, realistically, the restaurant and bar trade business is a high risk venture and the Commission must consider this fact.

President Immendorf asked if the prospective lessee would be willing to revisit the lease if the garden area or Visitors Center is not open and to adjust the minimum percentage.

Timon Malloy, representing the Beach Chalet Restaurant, said they have not received all of their funding and many of their investors will not give money unless there is a long term lease. In a case where the restaurant has to do the tenant improvements it is traditional to have a 20 year lease as a minimum without any increase in rent or any re-negotiation. Those terms are necessary in order to raise the funds from the investors. They have potential investors who are waiting to see if they are awarded the lease.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-055

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a twenty (20) year lease with Beach Chalet, L.P., to operate a microbrewery and restaurant on the second floor of the Beach Chalet building, located in the west end of Golden Gate Park.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

15. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COMPLEX
TENNIS LESSON FEES

Approval of an increase in tennis lesson fees at Golden Gate Park tennis complex, effective March 17, 1995.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission sets the rate for the fees charged by people who teach tennis at Golden Gate Park. Those fees have not been increased since 1987. He enumerated the proposed fee increase. Staff feels the fee increase is reasonable based on the tennis fees charged at other facilities. The comparable of what is charged at other locations was included in the Commission's supporting material and staff recommended approval.

15. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COMPLEX
TENNIS LESSON FEES (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-056

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in tennis lesson fees at Golden Gate Park tennis complex, effective March 17, 1995:

Category	Current Fee	Approved Fee
1 Hour Private Lesson	$30.00	$40.00
1/2 Hour Private Lesson	15.00	20.00
1 Hour Semi Private (2 in a group)	35.00	45.00
1 Hour Group Adults (12 years and up) (3 to 6 in a group)	12.00 per person Maximum of 5 persons	16.00 per person Maximum of 6 persons
1 Hour Group Junior (under 12 years old)(3 to 6 in a group)	10.00 per person Maximum of 5 persons	14.00 per person Maximum of 6 persons

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

16. GOLDEN GATE
GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COMPLEX
INTERIM TENNIS PROGRAM

Approval of interim Tennis Professional Program at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that up until January 1995 a tennis pro was employed at the Golden Gate Park tennis court who paid the Department 18% of his gross revenues. A Controller's audit was done recently which found a number of deficiencies. Staff has subsequently terminated the tennis pro. Currently, there is nobody teaching tennis at Golden Gate Park. Last year, the Department went out to bid and the Commission directed staff to negotiate with Humberto Diaz to become a teaching pro at Golden Gate Park. Staff has been in discussion with Mr. Diaz since that time. A meeting was held in mid February with Mr. Diaz and he was presented the same offer made to him last summer for 2 courts. Although Mr. Diaz has given a deposit to the Property Management Office, to date, he has not signed a permit.

16. GOLDEN GATE
GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COMPLEX
INTERIM TENNIS PROGRAM (Continued)

In order to provide teaching at this location, an interim proposal has been developed whereby:

- individual tennis pros would be identified
- meet minimum qualifications
- are certified by the United States Professional Tennis Assn. (USPTA)
- have the requisite insurance
- guarantee to teach a certain regular number of set hours, and be available during those hours.

The tennis pros would be matched with potential students through the Department's recreation director, Phil Sleeper. Staff is at the Golden Gate Park tennis court site 7 days a week. Based on the rates just approved by the Commission, the tennis pros would pay the Department 40% of their revenue. The Department would schedule and reserve the courts when the tennis pro informed the recreation director that they wanted to reserve a court on a certain date and time.

There was a request at the Committee level, to look into a voucher system of payment rather than a cash payment. The presumption is that before the lesson is given, the tennis pro would come in and give the Department 40% of the lesson fee. There was concern about cash handling. Staff reviewed the voucher system and found that there would be problems administering it. It would be difficult to administer because the Department would pay the pros rather than the pros paying the Department and there would be more money changing hands with a voucher system. Staff feels that there are sufficient controls on cash handling and checks will be accepted. The voucher system would be more cumbersome and complex.

Each tennis pro must sign a permit and the pro would not be able to assign the teaching to someone else. Staff anticipates that there will be several pros available and there would be a list of tennis pros available for teaching lessons. This is an experiment, a trial program, and staff feels there is likelihood of success.

Mr. Arnold explained that Humberto Diaz's attorney has submitted a letter indicating displeasure with this program and the fact that Mr. Diaz has not received his permit. Mr. Diaz's permit is ready but he must sign it. There are vacant teaching courts, available pros and interested students who could use all of the teaching courts available. If Mr. Diaz comes in he will have his 2 courts and the other 2 courts would be governed by this program.

JoJo Zalameda, explained that he has been teaching tennis for 8 years. He has worked at Golden Gate Park for a period of 6 years and was required to take a United States Professional Tennis Assn. (USPTA) examination, and become certified before being able to teach tennis. He just learned that the Department chose 4 candidates to be tennis pros and 2 of them are not certified instructors. He questioned why the Department would hire 2 tennis pros that are not qualified when 7 individuals applied and one of them was certified by the USPTA.

16. GOLDEN GATE
GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COMPLEX
INTERIM TENNIS PROGRAM (Continued)

Recreation Director, Phil Sleeper, who is assigned to the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts, explained that an interview process was conducted by the Department and 7 candidates qualified. Four were selected and showed affiliate qualifications at the time of the testing. These permits have not been signed. When the tennis pro signs the permits they must prove that they meet the requirement of USPTA and are certified before they are given the permit.

Director of Athletics Division, Charlene Nichols, said the interview process also considered how the tennis pro would work with children and groups of people.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold explained that there are 4 courts designated as teaching courts, #5, 18, 19, and 20. Humberto Daiz asked for Courts #19 and 20 and was offered those 2 courts. As of now, since he has not signed a permit, the Department will use these 2 courts. Mr. Diaz's permit was for exclusive use of 2 courts for a flat monthly fee while the permit before the Commission requires the tennis pro to give the Department a percentage of their business.

Commissioner Ruiz said the issue of contention with Mr. Diaz is the duration of the permit. He asked if Mr. Arnold had discussed this issue with the City Attorney. Mr. Arnold said the City Attorney agrees with the Department's position that the term of the agreement was very clear, a one year permit with a termination date of 7/31/95. His permit could be extended with approval from the Commission.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-057

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the interim Tennis Professional Program at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

17. CANDLESTICK PARK
TOBACCO PRODUCT ADVERTISING

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained there are Marlboro cigarette advertising ad panels at Candlestick Park that have been there since 1987. The signs are there under the agreement with Sony whereby Sony provides the scoreboard at Candlestick Park in return for the advertising rights for billboard style advertising. In 1987 there was no tobacco product ban. But subsequent to that time the Board of Supervisors took action to ban smoking at Candlestick Park and the Commission has approved a resolution that would prohibit any new tobacco product advertising at Candlestick Park.

17. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
TOBACCO PRODUCT ADVERTISING (Continued)

Last summer the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution authorizing the General Manager to negotiate with Sony an agreement which would ban tobacco product advertising and indemnify Sony against any claim resulting from this ban.

Staff thought it had reached an administrative agreement with Sony whereby they would remove the Marlboro ads by the beginning of the 1995 baseball season. In February, Mr. Arnold was notified that they wanted more assurance that they would be indemnified if a claim were filed against them. They were not satisfied with the Board of Supervisors resolution from last summer so staff drafted a lease amendment which provides insurance and protection. This item is a lease amendment.

Mr. Arnold further explained that, unfortunately, the company that markets the advertising panels, Professional Marketing, Inc., allowed Phillip Morris to have an extension in the Marlboro advertising panel. Clearly, Sony is liable for this issue.

President Immendorf agreed that tobacco advertising should not be at Candlestick Park but he was concerned that this was a deal previously consummated and even though everyone agrees that tobacco advertising should be banned, the Department could be put at risk monetarily. If the Department gets sued it will be responsible for defending the lawsuit.

Commissioner Chan thought Sony would be liable for potential lawsuits. Mr. Arnold said this amendment would put the City on the line rather than Sony. The agreement Sony has with Phillip Morris contains a paragraph which states "...if any federal, state, municipal or local law, regulation, ordinance, or ruling becomes effective which makes the advertising of tobacco products unlawful, generally or as to type, or regulates the smoking of tobacco products or requires a modification of advertising copy that in the reasonable opinion of the —materially reduces the value of this agreement, then this agreement may be terminated by advertiser as of the date of such law, regulation, ordinance or rule."

President Immendorf was very willing to ban the tobacco advertising if there were no liability or financial responsibility. However, if there is a financial cost he was not willing to approve the amendment. The intent of the Commission is to not renege on any of its contracts. He wanted to ban tobacco advertising but not at the risk of monetary cost to the Department. He did not want to see recreation centers shut down because a member of the Board of Supervisors wants to ban all tobacco advertising no matter the cost.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the Commission tabled this matter.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

18. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AWARD OF CONTRACT
MODIFICATION OF SEATING PLATFORMS

Approval of award of contract for modification of seating platforms at Candlestick Park in an amount not to exceed $541,300, pending certification of contract ward by the Human Rights Commission.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission has made a commitment to the 49ers to continue to expand seating at Candlestick Park. The last major area of expansion is in the very last rows of the upper deck. This contract would modify the last 2 rows to make the sight lines adequate for both rows. The cost is $541,300. The contract will be awarded to Nibbi-Tom and will add 800 seats to Candlestick Park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-058

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract for modification of seating platforms at Candlestick Park in an amount not to exceed $541,300, pending certification of contract ward by the Human Rights Commission.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

19. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AWARD OF CONTRACT
INSTALLATION OF SEATING PLATFORMS

Approval of award of contract for installation of seating at Candlestick Park in the amount of $118,680, to Holsinger Inc.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained this item is related to the prior item. This contract would actually install the seats at a cost of $188,680. The contractor is Holsinger, Inc.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-059

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract for installation of seating at Candlestick Park in the amount of $118,680, to Holsinger Inc.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

20. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
RENT CREDIT

Approval of rent credit to the San Francisco Forty Niners in the amount of $325,000, to be applied against parking revenues due the Recreation and Park Department beginning, August 1995.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that after the additional seats are added at Candlestick Park the Department will have exhausted all available funds to renovate Candlestick Park for this fiscal year. At the same time, there is a need to hire an architect to begin the plans for Super Bowl 1999 at a cost of $325,000. The 49ers have agreed to an advance rental payment, similar to what they did last year. If this is approved, a supplemental appropriation request will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors (the next item) based on an advanced payment of rent. This item is a request to approve a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers.

The supplemental appropriation will require approval from the Board of Supervisors. Thus, the issue of whether or not San Francisco should host a Super Bowl will be resolved since there has been discussion that the Super Bowl costs too much money.

Jack Bair, representing the San Francisco Giants, said he understood that this project will take place during the baseball season and it will not be completed until June 1, 1995. It will involve the last 2 rows of the seats in the upper deck and the outfield between the foul poles. The Giants rarely sell those seats and given the present situation in baseball, they do not anticipate selling those seats. However, since this project may take until June there could be an instance where those seats might be utilized. In addition to those 2 rows of seats being worked on there is a desire to save money in the contract by storing the actual seats that will be installed over time in the rows beneath those seats. Approximately 6 rows of seats will be blocked off and not utilized. There will be a security requirement to ensure that fans do not harm the seats and it is conceivable that there may be a sell out game creating a problem. If that does happen, in terms of liability for damage, or stealing of property, the Giants should not be held responsible during baseball events. The Giants agree not to sell those tickets except in the case of a sell-out and in these instances, they will contact the Department to see if the seats could be moved.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-060

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the rent credit to the San Francisco Forty Niners in the amount of $325,000, to be applied against parking revenues due the Recreation and Park Department beginning, August 1995.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

20A. CANDLESTICK PARK
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Approval of submission of a request to the Board of Supervisors for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $325,000, for improvements at Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained this item is approval of submission of the supplemental appropriation in the amount of $325,000 for improvements at Candlestick Park.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9503-061

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the submission of a request for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $325,000, for improvements at Candlestick Park.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

21. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Commission approved the following resolution:

RES. NO. 9503-62

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of the litigated claim of Samantha Koehler in the amount of $1,850.00

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

22. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
RULES OF THE COMMISSION

Consideration to amend the rules of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose, explained that the rules of the Recreation and Park Commission have become outdated and do not reflect the current practices used by the Commission. Under the Sunshine Ordinance adopted in December of 1993, new time requirements were instituted to notice Regular meetings and Special meetings of the Recreation and Park Commission. In addition, there was a recent incident when the President left the state and the Vice President who would have normally been in charge, had resigned his position, and the rules did not offer a procedure to follow. Other revisions to the rules include photocopying fees and charges for requests of documentation from the Commission, the fact that the Commission does not record or produce minutes of its Committee meetings and revisions of terms of office for president and vice president. The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the rules and the Commission Secretary asked that the revisions to the rules of the Recreation and Park Commission be approved.

22. **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
RULES OF THE COMMISSION

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the Commission approved the following resolution:

RES. NO. 9503-63

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revisions to the Rules of the Recreation and Park Commission.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

23. **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
ELECTION OF OFFICER

Election of Vice President of the Recreation and Park Commission for the balance of calendar year 1995.

President Immendorf explained that the office of Vice President is open since Commissioner Larry Mazzola, the former Vice President of the Recreation and Park Commission has resigned his position and been sworn in as a member of the Airports Commission. Therefore, the Commission needed to open nominations for the office of Vice President.

Commissioner Ruiz nominated the Sidney Chan to serve as Vice President. Commissioner Farrow seconded this motion.

President Immendorf noted that Commissioner Chan has previously served as Vice President and did so with distinction and thanked him for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

24. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Jack Bair, representing the San Francisco Giants, said the Commission approved the ticket prices for the 1994 season and he notified the Commission several months ago that those prices would not be changed for the 1995 baseball season. However, the Giants from time to time give discounts to seniors and children which has been its practice for 35 years and the Commission has never objected to this practice. The Giants find themselves in an unprecedented situation this year and to be fair to the fans they thought it was important to offer everyone a discount.

24. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Statement of Jack Bair (Continued)

Therefore, the Giants have created a policy where for the month of April no matter what happens with the baseball strike, all tickets will be half price. It is possible that the season will open with replacement players who will have not have the same skill and ability that the regular major league players have. The Giants felt that a price discount was necessary and will offer fans a 50% rebate for tickets. The Giants feel this is reasonable, and, in fact, almost every other major league club has taken similar action. Mr. Bair gave brochures on the Giants season ticket prices, luxury suite and group sales information.

President Immendorf explained that the rules do not allow the Giants to discount tickets without prior approval from the Commission. The President asked the Assistant General Manager to get a ruling from the City Attorney on this issue and if it is not permissible, then the Commission should calendar this issue.

Mr. Bair said that it is fine for this matter to be calendared in April but normally, invoices are sent long in advance. The ticket policy has to change and adjust almost on a week by week basis to reflect the baseball strike. The Giants do not have the luxury to determine a policy and go through the political channels before a policy is adopted.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Bair explained that it was the Giants intent to discount tickets for the month of April. President Immendorf asked how this action would affect the lease.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission had a draft letter from the City Attorney's Office to the Giants which informs the Giants that they need to seek approval from the Commission in order to offer discounts.

President Immendorf suggested that a special meeting of the Commission be scheduled so that the Giants are not in violation of the lease.

Mr. Bair said it was an open question about whether there is a violation of the lease. He explained that he was present at the Department's request. The Giants are motivated to make a policy that makes the most financial sense. The rent at Candlestick Park is based on percentage of ticket sales. The Giants are trying to maximize attendance levels and give people a fair ticket price. The Giants feel that there is a perfectly legitimate business reason to do so and the City should concur with that judgment based on the fact the lease allows the latitude of making a business judgment.

President Immendorf was willing to schedule a Special Commission meeting to discuss this issue.

24. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Statement of Jack Bair (Continued)

Mr. Bair wanted to clarify the misconception that this policy produces less money for the City. This reduction is designed to recapture and produce the same or greater amount to the City and is made in the best interest of the Giants and the City. Not offering a price discount would negatively impact the Giants ability to sell season tickets. Mr. Bair said this is not changing its price of tickets. This ticket reduction is temporary in nature.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Bair said it is possible that if the strike continues the April discount will be extended another month.

Commissioner Ruiz explained that Mr. Bair was discussing an issue under Public Comment which should more properly be noticed and discussed at a another setting.

President Immendorf asked the Assistant General Manager to contact Mr. Bair regarding this matter. He wanted the record to reflect that he did not appreciate Mr. Bair informing the Commission that they do not want to deal with the legal process. Mr. Bair informed the Commission that the discount is only for the month of April but it may be extended month and after month and the Giants do not need approval. President Immendorf said the Recreation and Park Commission has repeatedly supported the Giants. He could not recall a single issue that the Giants have brought before this Commission that has been rejected.

Emeric Kalman, said when he addresses the Commission and the staff he has an objective of how to save the City and the public money. On three occasions he has raised the issue of contamination of lead from Gas House Cove at the Marina. Over a year ago it was found that the Marina was contaminated. He asked the Marina Manager on several occasions if he had found the source of the contamination. He asked if the contamination came from the nearby restaurants, from the boats, or the City Yachts concession. He asked when the management of Recreation and Park would address this issue.

Mr. Kalman further explained that he addressed the Board of Supervisors' meeting regarding Proposition A, the infrastructure bond for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens and asked how come the cost has escalated to $26 Million. There was no public hearing on this issue and he wanted to see documentation on this $100 Million capital project for the Zoo.

25. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President did not submit a report.

26. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

None of the members of the Commission raised issues.

27. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of February 1, 1995
- Recreation Program Committee Meeting of February 22, 1995
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of March 2, 1995
- Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of March 6, 1995
- Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of March 7, 1995

28. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Supervisor Tom Hsieh.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Ruth Derin, a former employee of the Recreation and Park Department, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Vangie Reyes, a former senior accountant of the Recreation and Park Department, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Charles Okken, a retired foreman of the Recreation and Park Department, who recently passed away.

There being no further business, the 702nd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

703rd REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Third Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 20, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 1995, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

"*EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION* Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Karla Rosales is being recognized for her extraordinary work as a Recreation Director at Mission Recreation Center. Karla has created and supervises the Latch Key Program and the new YTM Program (Young Teens on the Move) which, combined, serves almost 100 youth. Karla has been instrumental in greatly increasing the activities and attendance at Mission Recreation Center. Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, will make the presentation.

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE/ROAD CLOSURES IN GOLDEN GATE PARK Attached is a report on the clean-up work still underway following the January and March storms as well as the status of road closures in Golden Gate Park.

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3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM EXERCISE The Neighborhood Emergency Response Team's (NERT) program goal is to help the citizens of San Francisco to be self-sufficient in a major disaster by developing multi-functional teams that are crossed trained in basic skills. NERT was established in 1990 when a group of concerned citizens who belonged to a Safety and Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) watch group in the Marina District contacted the San Francisco Fire Department with a request for disaster response training.

On April 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the NERT program will be conducting a citywide refresher drill at various neighborhood staging areas. There are currently 33 NERT staging areas that have been identified as meeting areas for the teams, 18 of which are at Recreation and Park Department facilities.

The first goal of the exercise is to allow teams to practice disaster skills in their staging areas; the second is to test a citywide communications network. Some of the skills practiced will be first aid, HAM communications, damage assessment, evacuation procedures, emergency disaster medicine, etc.

ZOO UPDATE Monkey Island, deserted since the Loma Prieta earthquake six years ago, will be opened to public for a last viewing on April 22 and 23. Completed in 1940, it was a state-of-the-art exhibit for monkeys and was featured in the movie, "The Graduate." Monkey Island was a popular attraction during its tenure and will make way for a new exhibit, "South American Gateway," due to open in the spring of 1997.

The herd of eight bison at the San Bruno County Jail facility are moving to greener pastures this month. The animals are being sent to Wildlife Safari, a 150-acre, drive-through wild animal park in Winston, Oregon. The animals were originally offered to the Sheriff's Department because the bison had become unofficial mascots at the jail, but the Sheriff's Department is unable to assume responsibility for care of the bison.

CAMP MATHER UPDATE This year's recruitment for the camp assistant position at Camp Mather was greatly expanded in an attempt to attract more minority applicants. Recreation staff sponsored a bus trip to camp last month in order to give direct exposure to 40 minority youth who had never been to camp. As a result of this effort, the applicant pool is now very diverse, and we expect to hire our most diverse staff ever for the summer of 1995.

On March 31, the Camp Mather Desk opened and began receiving applications from residents for the 1995 Season. Approximately 850 applications were received that day. On April 14, applications were accepted from non-residents with over 200 applications received on that day. Unfortunately for non-residents, Camp Mather was already booked at about 80% of capacity. More than 65% of the non-resident applications were returned due to the unavailability of cabins or tents for the weeks requested. Reservations are at 94% percent capacity.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

YOUNG TEENS ON THE MOVE (YTM) After an eight-week intensive staff training session, the YTM (Young Teens on the Move) program started at six sites: Mission Recreation Center, Hamilton Recreation Center, Sunset Recreation Center, Chinese Recreation Center, South of Market Recreation Center and Visitacion Valley Middle School. The program, for youth ages 11-13, provides structured activities such as arts and crafts, homework assistance and special outings at each site. Staff is now working with the business community to develop an incentive program that will be available to each participant. Shopping discounts and free give-aways will be a part of the special incentive program. The programs are operating on a trial basis and are monitored by Teen Program staff. Programs appear to be off to a good start. A special event for YTM program participants held on March 31 featured a special performance by the Teen Drama Troup, "TKO." The event was attended by approximately 70 pre-teens who were mesmerized by the performance.

COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECT Under the rules of this Commission, you have asked that I report to you the completion of capital projects on Recreation and Park Department property. I am pleased to report the completion of the renovation of the restrooms at the County Fair Building to comply with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act requirements. The project included retrofitting the men's and women's restrooms, the drinking fountain and the public telephone for accessibility. The work, performed by the Department's maintenance yard staff, was completed on April 17. Pacific Bell will install the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) on May 2. The cost of the project was $49,400 and was funded through the 1992 Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond.

PROPOSED PEARL JAM CONCERT AT POLO FIELD Planning has begun for the upcoming Pearl Jam Concert scheduled for June 24 at the Polo Field. The concert will be produced by Bill Graham Presents, and attendance will be limited to 50,000. Staff has met with the producers, and preliminary logistics have been set. We are hopeful that this event will run smoothly and that the lessons learned from past large events will be applied to this one. Complete details of the event will be provided at next month's Parks and Planning Committee and at the full Commission meeting for your review and approval.

RENEWAL OF PERMIT FOR HANC RECYCLING CENTER According to the terms of their current operating permit, Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) is required to present this Department with written notice of their desire to request the one-year option for operating the recycling center on Recreation and Park Department property. This was received by staff four months before the expiration date of June 30, 1995, as required by the permit language. Staff has scheduled a public meeting concerning this matter for April 24, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Fair Building, and will bring the matter before the Finance and Candlestick Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 4, 1995.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

CANDLESTICK PARK - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION The $325,000 supplemental appropriation the Commission approved at its March meeting for the current seating project at Candlestick Park was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 17. The Board has placed approximately half of the money in reserve until further concept plans are designed for the new press box. As you will recall, these funds were provided by the 49ers as an advance against parking revenues that would ordinarily be paid to the Department on a game-by-game basis beginning in August.

CLOSED CAPTIONING FOR GIANTS TELEVISION BROADCASTS The Giants have announced that SportsChannel Pacific and KTVU-TV have entered into an agreement with Bay Area Captioning, Inc., to provide closed captioning for all Giants games televised on Channel 2 this season.

GRANT APPLICATION The Department submitted an application for a $200,000 grant to the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Act to complete funding for the renovation of the soccer field and disability access at Franklin Square. PARR is one of the last discretionary pots of money that has not been cut by the federal government.

SF TEEN At your places you will find the April 1995 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY Mark your calendars for the opening of the Broadway musical, "Rainbow," performed by the Young People's Musical Theater Company. Performances will be at the Randall Museum Theater on April 21 and 22 (8:00 p.m.) and April 23 (2:00 p.m.). I am sure this show will be as grand as all of the productions by this group of talented young people.

MUSHROOM FARM Supervisor Angela Alioto has introduced a resolution asking the Recreation and Park Commission and the Department of Public Works to delay awarding a contract to demolish the now defunct sewage treatment plant at the west end of Golden Gate Park to give time to study whether the plant can be converted to use as a mushroom farm. As you know, the demolition of the plant was the major underlying reason this Commission gave approval to build the new plant at the San Francisco Zoo. In the recently debated Golden Gate Park Master Plan, the plant is to be demolished and part of the area would then be used as a staging area for the various construction projects connected with the Golden Gate Park bond. In addition, another soccer field is to be constructed to meet the exploding demand for additional athletic fields. This matter is being sent to committee for discussion. I will keep you informed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, April 21, 1995 Saturday, April 22, 1995	Young People's Musical Theatre Company: Broadway musical, "Rainbow"; 8:00 p.m.; Randall Museum Theater

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Sunday, April 23, 199	Young People's Musical Theatre Company: roadway musical, "Rainbow"; 2:00 p.m.; Randall Museum Theater
Wednesday, April 26 through Sunday, April 30, 1995	San Francisco Landscape Garden Show; 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Fort Mason Center;
Thursday, April 27, 1995	Asian Lunch, 12:00 noon; County Fair Building
Friday, April 28, 1995	Opening Day (Giants v Florida); 1:05 p.m.
Friday, April 28, 1995	Zoofest 95; 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, May 3, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, May 4, 1995	Joint Commission meeting with City Planning; 1:30 p.m.; 401 Van Ness Avenue
Thursday, May 4, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Saturday, May 6, 1995	Strybing Arboretum Annual Plant Sale; 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; County Fair Building
Monday, May 22, 1995	Employee Night at the de Young Museum (Monet Exhibit); 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 25, 1995	Special Recreation and Park Commission (Golden Gate Park Stables); 2:00 p.m.; County Fair Building"

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Commissioner Rovetti wanted to minutes to reflect the true facts surrounding the swearing in of the Recreation and Park Commission's newest member, Angelo Quaranta. The Commission had scheduled a Special Meeting and a Committee meeting on the day of the Mayor's swearing in ceremony which prevented members of the Commission to attend the event. There had been a newspaper account which reported Commission members were boycotting the swearing in and he wanted the minutes to accurately reflect the facts.

President Immendorf personally welcomed the Angelo Quaranta as its newest member, and said the entire Commission looked forward to working with him.

Commissioner Quaranta thanked his fellow commissioners for their warm welcome.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 9504-64

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period February 3, 1995 through March 2, 1995.

b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS — RES. NO. 9504-65

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

TRADE TO:
Allen Aviaries
1555 Sage Canyon Road
St. Helena, CA 94574
One (1) Female Hyacinth macaw, valued at $5,000 and One (1) Male Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, valued at $7,500

TRADE FROM:
Allen Aviaries
1555 Sage Canyon Road
St. Helena, CA 94574
Two (2) Male green wing macaws and one (1) Ma scarlet Macaw, valued at $3,000 for the group

PURCHASED FROM:
Indianapolis Zoo, USDA #32-C-001
1200 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46222-4500
Two (2) Male and two (2) female jungle fowl, valued at $25.00 for the group

SOLD TO:
Metro Richmond Zoo, USDA #52-C-028
5624 Gilling Road
Richmond, VA 23234
Two (2) Male and two (2) Female Walaroo, valued $1,300 for the pair and Two (2) Male and two (2) Fema Grey Kangaroo, valued at $2,000 for the pair

DONATION FROM:
Beckie Huckle
245 Merced Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066
One (1) European Polecat, Sex Unknown

DONATION FROM:
Shay Brinkerhose
3170 Oak Road, Unit 216
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
One (1) Male Opossum

DONATION TO:
Wildlife Safari, USDA #92-C-010
P. O. Box 1600
Winston, OR 97496-0231
Five (5) Male and three (3) Female Bison from San Bruno Jail

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

c. GREAT HIGHWAY
ROAD CLOSURE
GREG LEVIEN 50K MEMORIAL RACE — RES. NO. 9504-66

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closure on the Great Highway for the Greg Levien 50 Kilometer Memorial Race, sponsored by the California Outdoor Rollerskating Association, on Saturday, April 29, 1995, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

d. MISSION DOLORES PARK
SUNKEN MEADOW, GOLDEN GATE PARK
MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS
SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE — RES. NO. 9504-67

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of two day events at Mission Dolores Park on Saturday and Sunday July 1 and 2, 1995 and at Sunken Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3, 1995, for performances by the San Francisco Mime Troup.

e. STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS
GOLDEN GATE PARK
TEMPORARY CLOSURE — RES. NO. 9504-68

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closure of the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens on Saturday, June 17, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a fund raising event to support the educational activities at the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

f. GOLDEN GATE PARK
UNITED NATIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
EARLY CLOSURE IN MUSIC CONCOURSE — RES. NO. 9504-69

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by the Mayor's Office and the Police Department to close the Music Concourse to automobile traffic by 12:00 noon and pedestrian traffic by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, 1995 for security reasons during a reception at the de Young Museum for United Nations dignitaries.

g. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
1995 FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT — RES. NO. 9504-70

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves 1995 Field Maintenance Agreement with the San Francisco Giants.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

h. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS RES. NO. 9504-71

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the following unlitigated claims: (NOTE: The Committee may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.(a) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

- ◆Frank Horton in the amount of $10,000
- ◆Richard O. Depp in the amount of $6,884.86
- ◆California State Automobile Association in the amount of $5,766.52

j. GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURTS
PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE RES. NO. 9504-73

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the placement of a plaque honoring Alice Marble inside the building at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts in Golden Gate Park.

The Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

Note for the Record: Item 4i was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

i. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
MONKEY ISLAND DEMOLITION

Approval of demolition of Monkey Island at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that this item is a request to demolish the existing monkey island in preparation for the construction of the new South American Gateway exhibit. The scope of the demolition is the removal and disposal of concrete walls, the underground structure, concrete and asphalt pathways, the artificial rock work, the associated utilities, and designated tree and shrub planting. This work will include the cost of labor, materials and equipment to complete the demolition project. The project was discussed several years age when the Zoo 2000 project was introduced. It was then brought up again during the revision of the Zoo 2000 plan in 1994 and was part of the capital budget for 1995. On 2 occasions, the Joint Zoo Committee has visited the site to view the condition of the monkey island and the problems associated with it.

Monkey Island was completed in 1940. Although it was one of the first major monkey islands in the United States it is quite old and the sealing of the underlying rebar for the structure was not sufficient to keep it from rusting. The 1989 earthquake caused further structural damage. Staff has received a categorical exemption from the City Planning's Office of Environmental Review.

Emeric Kalman, said $200,000 was allocated for the demolition and wanted to know what will happen after the island is demolished. He asked where the money would come from for future projects. He said the monkey island was a historical, landmark structure.

i. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
MONKEY ISLAND DEMOLITION (Continued)

Mr. Anderson explained that funds are in hand to complete the demolition and were made available by the Zoological Society. The funds for the South American Gateway are partially in place and construction will not begin until all the funds are raised, sometime in 1995. To his knowledge there was no historical significance to the exhibit and said it could not be salvaged because it is falling apart. The Zoo was instructed by the United States Department of Agriculture to remove the animals and the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration also directed that people should not work on the island.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, said that she doubted there were funds available for historic restoration. The Department has several historic buildings including the Conservatory of Flowers, Beach Chalet and the Mother's Building at the Zoo, and there are no funds or private donations available to repair these historic landmark buildings.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-73

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the demolition of Monkey Island at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS**
GOLDEN GATE PARK
APPROVAL OF MASTER PLAN

Approval of incorporating the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens master plan into the Golden Gate Park master plan to be submitted for environmental review.

Arboretum Director, Wald Valen, explained that a complete and detailed presentation of the Master Plan for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens was presented at the Committee level. In October 1993 the Commission granted approval for the Strybing Arboretum Society to develop a master plan for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens and renovation of the San Francisco County Fair Building. This updated plan, if approved, will be incorporated into the recently adopted Golden Gate Park Master Plan so that both master plans can be forwarded together for environmental review from the Department of City Planning. The major elements of the Master Plan are:

5. **STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS**
GOLDEN GATE PARK
APPROVAL OF MASTER PLAN (Continued)

◆New orientation/exhibition center to be located in redesigned San Francisco County Fair Building.
◆Redesign of the garden entrances and creation of a new western entrance toward 19th Avenue.
◆Creation of a conservation garden promenade which will link the two main entrances (the front entrance and the Friend gate) and redesign of the demonstration gardens.
◆Relocation of the Strybing Nursery complex to a more favorable growing area to the West. (This project along with an Education Center were previously approved by the Board of Supervisors and received environmental review.)
◆Relocation of Public Education Facility/new Children's Garden to the main entrance esplanade.

The master plan has been funded by the Strybing Arboretum Society and Mr. Valen recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-74

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves incorporating the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens master plan into the Golden Gate Park master plan to be submitted for environmental review.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

6. **BAYVIEW HILL PARK**
OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
EMINENT DOMAIN

Approval of resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to acquire through Eminent Domain approximately 30 acres on Bayview Hill for public open space.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Bayview Hill Park has been on the Open Space Program agenda since 1991 and has gone through several phases. The intent is to acquire land to make it a larger park. The top part of the park is approximately 6 or 7 acres and was identified in 1991-92 as a priority acquisition because it is close to property already owned by the City and has important native habitat on it. The second area was brought to the Open Space Committee in 1993 and is considered a desirable property to acquire as it will enhance the area identified in 1991. The intent was to purchase the land sloping up the hill, away from the existing level area that is currently used as a parking lot for Candlestick Park during football and some baseball games. This lower portion is a flat area that is now used as a parking lot and, at various times, has been identified as a housing opportunity site. The Open Space Program has also viewed it as desirable acquisition for recreational open space, for protection of the hill, and for overflow parking at Candlestick Park.

6. **BAYVIEW HILL PARK**
OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
EMINENT DOMAIN (Continued)

All of the property is under one ownership and in an estate. The City's Real Estate Department, on Recreation and Park Department's behalf, has made various offers to the Marin Public Administrator of the estate, for portions of the this property. An offer has also been made by the Real Estate Department for the entire property. None of the offers have been accepted. The property is for sale. The representative of the Marin Public Administrator has said that they want to sell but the issue is what is a fair price.

Since there is no agreement on price between the City and the Marin County Public Administrator, the Real Estate Department and the City Attorney have advised that the City should proceed to eminent domain which is a process whereby a fair price is determined by the Superior Court. The Public Administrator has agreed to this procedure.

Since a lower portion of the property on Jamestown is different than the hilly portion and has not previously been part of the Open Space Program agenda, staff held a special meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee on Open Space to review this matter. This meeting was held on 4/11/95 and the Committee voted unanimously at that meeting to acquire the entire property for open space purposes, the lower space along Jamestown for public recreation and the hillside for protection of native habitat.

Both sides feel that proceeding to Eminent Domain is the best way to determine the fair price. Staff requested that the Commission approve Eminent Domain so that the Board of Supervisor can proceed.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the lower four acres along Jamestown is a flat area that is used for parking during football games and accommodates about 1200 and 1400 vehicles. If acquired as public open space, it is the intent to make this a public recreation area but allow vehicles to park on it during football season and for overflow parking from other events held at Candlestick Park.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the City Attorney has advised that the City should designate up to $3 Million for the entire acquisition. This figure is considerably less than the $4-5 Million estimate of the Public Administrator.

Wayne Hu, representing the Public Administrator for Marin County supported the staff recommendation that this matter proceed to the Board of Supervisors for Eminent Domain. There have been long negotiations with the City's Real Estate Department and the City Attorney's Office with no resolution. He supported the Eminent Domain process to ascertain fair market value.

6. **BAYVIEW HILL PARK**
OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
EMINENT DOMAIN (Continued)

Pamela Sims, one of the major beneficiaries of the estate, said there is a major problem with the resolution as it is currently drafted. The property in question has a tentative map filed with the Department of City Planning in 1989 for development of approximately 200-500 residential housing units. The Public Administrator has been negotiating with the City to acquire primarily the upper portion of the site. Representations to the community and to the major beneficiaries all along have been that the lower portion of the site would remain available for housing development.

She was not present to slow the process or suggest that she does not support the acquisition of a portion of this property or the natural areas. Rather, she questioned the process to acquire the entire acreage as it will close the opportunity for her as an African American female who was born and raised in that community to have an opportunity to develop housing for her community. She was concerned that those issues were not being addressed.

She further explained that Mayor Frank Jordan has appointed a committee on African American Parity and there is a resolution that was passed by the Board of Supervisors that suggests City departments and commissions consider the economic and social impact of these kind of decisions on the African American community. She requested that this resolution be set aside for one week so that issues regarding economic impact of this project on the community could be discussed. She said the public process to acquire the lower portion of land began only 3 weeks ago and there was very little public input and very little notice to the Bayview Hunters Point community on the discussion of what will be lost by this acquisition. She also submitted a written statement.

Vice President Chan, Chair of the Parks and Planning Committee, said Ms. Sims raised the same objections at the Committee level, and he asked Mr. Wayne Hu at that meeting to resolve this issue. He also asked Mr. Arnold to contact all of the parties, particularly the beneficiaries who may gain or lose because of this sale. Mr. Hu assured him that he would take care of these issues so they would be resolved.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Real Estate Department negotiates on Recreation and Park's behalf when it seeks to acquire property. Real Estate has made a number of offers to the Public Administrator. There was a publicly advertised meeting of the Open Space Committee that was held after the May Parks and Planning Committee meeting. Ms. Sims was present at the meeting. Mr. Arnold received one call from a gentlemen who said he represented the African American Parity Committee and said he would be sending a letter requesting a delay on this matter. Mr. Arnold has never received such a letter. Mr. Arnold informed the Open Space Committee that he had received this phone call. The Planning Commission staff wrote a letter in February which says that acquisition of this property for public open space meets the City's Master Plan. There is not agreement on this issue which is why Eminent Domain is being requested. If the City is going to acquire the property this is the proper process.

6. **BAYVIEW HILL PARK**
OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
EMINENT DOMAIN (Continued)

Mr. Wayne Hu said although Mrs. Sims and her daughter may be beneficiaries of the estate, the Public Administrator, through the Probate Court, is given the responsibility to resolve all of the issues of the estate. The Public Administrator's role is to proceed with the sale of the property be it to the City or a private individual. He has had discussions with Ms. Sims prior to and after the Committee meeting and understood her concerns but the goal of the Public Administrator is narrowly defined. He wanted to come to an agreement since there is a substantial difference in the fair market value price. If the court determines that it is more valuable than the City's offer, the issue of how much land can be acquired will be decided but without the value determined nothing can proceed. None of these issues can be resolved until a fair market value is determined through Eminent Domain. Mr. Hu said he did not believe further negotiations would be worthwhile.

Commissioner Solomon asked if any other offers have been entertained for this land, particularly for housing. Mr. Hu said he had received one offer but it was not accepted. The offer was a bit low and negotiations stopped when the matter was calendared for eminent domain. Commissioner Solomon asked if the City's Master Plan included development of this property. Mr. Hu explained that, as a former City Planning Commissioner, he could respond that the proposed uses conform to the City's Master Plan.

President Immendorf said Ms. Sims expressed concerns that the neighborhood deserves input into the possible housing issue and asked if staff had sought input from the neighborhood.

Mr. Arnold said the Open Space Committee has been hearing this issue since 1991 and there have been a number of public hearings. People from the community have expressed concern for more housing and others feel the area is too congested. The community is divided and does not speak with one voice. Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the City Attorney's $3 Million maximum price includes all legal fees and it is the maximum price designated for acquisition of the property.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that negotiations will continue right up to the trial. Generally, when Eminent Domain is declared the City and the property owner settle. This action does not stop the process, rather, it encourages the process.

Commissioner Chan said Ms. Sims' problem is the Public Administrator's problem.

Ms. Sims said she did not have an issue with Mr. Hu or his position but noted that the Marin County Public Administrator is responsible to make sure the estate closes and does not set economic and social policy for African Americans for San Francisco.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's statement, Ms. Sims said many people were not present on this issue because she wanted to work cooperatively rather than grandstanding.

6. **BAYVIEW HILL PARK**
OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
EMINENT DOMAIN (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz asked if Ms. Sims' statement was correct that this issue was presented for the first time three weeks ago in a public setting. Mr. Arnold explained at the most recent special meeting of the Open Space Committee specific recreational opportunities for that site were discussed for the first time. However, it has been a subject of discussion as to the appropriate use of the land, be it housing or open space, for some time.

Commissioner Chan said assuming the resolution is adopted to proceed with Eminent Domain it would preclude housing development on the land because it will be public open space under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if the adoption of the resolution would preclude the City from taking the matter back to the community to identify exactly what is proposed. Mr. Arnold said the Eminent Domain process could continue.

Mr. Hu said even if the resolution is adopted it is within the purview of this Commission to decide to acquire more or less acreage.

Ms. Sims said it is highly unlikely that there would be a financial institution that would work with a potential buyer or developer on a property that is currently under Eminent Domain. She asked for a one week delay so the issue could be discussed with the community.

In response to President Immendorf, Mr. Arnold explained that at the Committee level, Ms. Sims asked and received a special meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee that was properly noticed. The testimony before the Committee was much as it is at this meeting and there was not unified sentiment on the issue.

Commissioner Chan said it was 2 weeks ago when the Parks and Planning Committee met and he charged the Public Administrator with the task to discuss this issue with his clients and he asked Mr. Arnold to have a meeting so that when the issue was calendared before the full Commission it would be resolved. He did not think another delay would accomplish anything.

Ms. Sims said the agenda wording and public notice did not clearly explain that issues regarding balancing housing versus recreational uses would be discussed at this meeting.

Commissioner Ruiz felt that Ms. Sims' concerns were valid. He felt the City's intent for use of this property was not clear and that another opportunity should be extended to the community to discuss, in detail, the proposed plan. Commissioner Ruiz proposed that the matter be tabled until next month.

Mr. Arnold said it would be very unusual to hinge an acquisition decision based on a specific use of the property. For example, the City acquired property on 23rd and Treat in the Mission District and India Basin both for public parks. To this day, there has not been a specific land use decision for the 23rd and Treat site.

6. **BAYVIEW HILL PARK**
OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
EMINENT DOMAIN (Continued)

Mr. Arnold further explained that the plan for India Basin was developed after acquisition had been completed. The only question before the Commission was whether or not the land should or should not be acquired for public open space. Once the land is acquired, then development proposals take place.

Commissioner Chan felt the Commission drifted away from the central issue of a willing seller who cannot agree on a price with the City. Commissioner Ruiz said the notice did not clearly state the proposed use for this land and Vice President Chan countered that when the City's Open Space Program acquires land it acquires it for open space.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-75

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to acquire through Eminent Domain approximately 30 acres on Bayview Hill for public open space.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioners Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Ruiz

7. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
VOLLEYBALL PRO BEACH TOUR

Approval of multiple day event and a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza from Wednesday, May 24 through Monday, May 29, 1995, for the Association of Volleyball Professionals' Pro Beach Tour.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request to approve a multiple day event at Justin Herman Plaza and to modify the amplified sound policy. The current sound policy is 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. on weekdays; 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. on weekends. The promoter is requesting that amplified sound be allowed from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. This is the second annual event and there were some problems associated with last year's event. Staff feels it is a good event for the City and has included several stipulations and conditions for approval in this year's permit. If the applicant does not comply with these conditions this year, future requests for use of Justin Herman Plaza will be denied. Last year there were damages and insufficient clean-up and the bond was forfeited to cover these costs. The concession fee requested is $5000 or 50% of gross gate receipts, whichever is greater. Tickets for bleacher seating will be sold Saturday and Sunday.

7. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
VOLLEYBALL PRO BEACH TOUR (Continued)

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon clarified the point that at the Committee level there was great concern about the damage that was done last year and the bond was set aside. She wanted it to be clear that the promoter must meet the Commission's expectations.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that there will be a walk-through before and after the event to assess the event.

Russell Hafferkamp, President of the San Francisco Sports Council, explained that last year the Council was asked to have San Francisco host a volleyball tournament at Justin Herman Plaza and the event was very successful. Although, there were some problems associated with the event last year, he has worked closely with staff and developed a comprehensive plan outlining all of the setup and breakdown issues. The measures developed are comprehensive to make the event successful and problem free. This year's event is being sponsored by KGO Television, City Sports Magazine, KRQR as well as a number of local restaurants. The event will be nationally televised. He understood the Commission's concerns and promised to take an active interest in this event.

Commissioner Rovetti felt the performance bond should be doubled because of last year's problems.

Mr. Hafferkamp commented that he has worked closely with the Department and taken extra steps such as having the gardener flag the sprinkler heads, paying for a gardener's overtime if it becomes necessary for the gardener to stay past his normal work hours, and using plywood and tarps to protect the grassy area. The promoter has taken extra steps at some expense to make sure there are no problems.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that some of things described by Mr. Hafferkamp were required last year but the promoter did not abide by them and the promoter did not clean the area. The Commission has the ability to fine the promoter or increase the bond. The promoter is on notice that last year's event was very difficult, with very little cooperation given to the Department.

Mr. Hafferkamp said he has taken steps to rectify last year's error and has followed staff's recommendations. The ultimate sanction the Commission can impose is not being able to use Justin Herman Plaza next year and he has a vested interest to make this event successful.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Hafferkamp said increasing the bond will be cost prohibitive to the Council.

Commissioner Chan said that the Parks and Planning Committee discussed these issues in detail but decided to simply inform the promoter that if they repeat the same performance as occurred in 1994 they will not be welcomed back in 1996.

7. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
VOLLEYBALL PRO BEACH TOUR (Continued)

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-76

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a multiple day at Justin Herman Plaza from Wednesday, May 24 through Monday, May 29, 1995, and to permit amplilfied sound from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Association of Volleyball Professionals' Pro Beach Tour.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL
CARROUSEL RIDE FEE INCREASE

Approval of ride fee increase for the Golden Gate Park Carrousel, effective June 1, 1995.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that at the Finance and Candlestick Committee staff recommended that the current rate of $.25 for children and $1.00 for adults be increased to $1.00 for children and adults, with the exception of children under the age 2 who would ride free with a supervising adult. That recommendation was not accepted by the Finance and Candlestick Committee and they asked for a rate or $.50 for children and $1.50 for adults and no charge for a child under 2 with a supervising adult. Staff conducted a survey showing a comparison of what is charged at other Bay Area parks and the rate of $1.00 is what is charged at other parks with the exception of Santa Cruz which charges $1.50. The $.25 charge is far below what is charged at other facilities. The fee increase would generate approximately $40,000.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the age bracket for children is up to 16 years of age. Organized school groups that notify the Department in advance are allowed to ride the carrousel free.

President Immendorf clarified the point that he voted against this item at the Committee level because he was opposed to any fee increase for children or adults who are accompanying children.

In response to Commissioner Solomon's question, staff recommended that the height restriction be removed and replaced with an age restriction that children under age 2 ride free. If a parent is uncomfortable with having the child ride alone than the supervising adult would pay the admission fee as well as the child. Mr. Arnold further explained that the funds generated from the fee does not cover the cost to maintain the carrousel.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL
CARROUSEL RIDE FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Mr. Arnold explained that the fee increase was proposed because recently there was a major refurbishment of the carrousel. However, the Department does not provide adequate maintenance and already the windows need to be puttied, the music system is poor, and the windows need routine washing.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold explained that this fee increase was not part of the Department's revenue package for this year's budget. The objective was to obtain funds to provide additional maintenance for the carrousel.

Commissioner Ruiz said he recently visited the carrousel on 3 occasions and found it to be in a dilapidated state with no music, unpleasant staff and a multitude of yellow "caution" ribbon on many of the horses.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, suggested that a supplemental appropriation be submitted specifically for Carrousel maintenance.

Clayton Mansfield, representing the Advocates for Recreation and Parks Coalition, said the objection to the fee increase is well founded because when fees are increased, it runs the risk of driving away the very people the Department tries to serve. Because of the budgetary problems, the Department is searching to raise revenues to maintain services. He felt that better answers needed to be found and informed the Commission that a rally is scheduled on Monday, April 24, 1995, 401 Van Ness, 4:00 p.m. He was inviting all park user groups to show the importance of Recreation and Park programs, its parks, and adult recreational programs. He invited everyone.

Elsie Banderas, explained that she attended the Finance and Candlestick Committee and spoke in opposition to the increase at the Carrousel. She thanked the Commission for taking her thoughts into consideration. She opposed fee increases for children. She further explained that for children's safety she felt that children under the age of 3 rather than the age of 2 should ride free.

Susanne Raynard, did not envy the Commission's job in light of the budgetary constraints and supported its efforts to maintain the level of service. She was glad the Commission rejected the fee increase and felt it was symbolic because people cannot afford to buy all of these services for their kids. Many of the people that Recreation and Park serve cannot afford the fees imposed.

Margaret Brodkin, representing Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, planned to attend the 4/24/95 rally and hoped the Mayor would see that taking major revenues out of Recreation and Park is not the way to balance the City's budget. She urged, as an advocate for children, to make children's fee increases the absolute last resort. More than 1/3 of the families in the City are living below the poverty level and they are the ones that need Recreation and Park services. Although the summer day camps will be filled and people will still ride the carrousel, those who cannot afford the fees will quietly go away. She opposed the $.25 increase for children to ride the Carrousel.

8. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL
CARROUSEL RIDE FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Gordon Lau, said the previous speakers eloquently made the point that the proposed fees hurt children. He said over 1/2 of the kids who go to public schools cannot afford to buy lunch and the carrousel is the only bargain left in the City. Vice President Chan and Mr. Lau had a friend who 53 years ago was unable to ride the Carrousel because he did not have a nickel. There are many kids who cannot afford a quarter to ride the Carrousel. President Immendorf pledged to give $1,000 towards the carousel and Mr. Lau's client, Fred Lo, has also pledged $1,000. He said he was willing to raise $25,000 with the assistance of Mr. Jhin to be used for carrousel maintenance and to work with the Commission and Friends of Recreation and Parks to raise the necessary funds.

Philip Jhin, representing the San Francisco/Shanghai Sister City Committee, said San Francisco will be hosting Shanghai Sister City week in the middle of July and will be having many cultural events such as an art show, music recitals and acrobats from Shanghai. He suggested that some of the acrobat shows be set aside for the young and elderly at a low fee or free. He further proposed that during the Shanghai Sister City week his Committee would raise $25,000 towards the Carrousel, provided that the money raised is set aside specifically for the carrousel and that the fees were not increased.

Mr. Lau asked the Commission to give him the target date of July 30, 1995 to raise the funds and to hopefully encourage others to donate.

President Immendorf said that Friends of Recreation and Park can set aside a specific fund for the Carrousel and thought Mr. Jhin's offer was incredible and generous. He was pleased that children fees would not be increased and complimented Messrs. Lau and Jhin for their generosity.

Mr. Arnold said that there is still an outstanding issue remaining because the current rule for the carrousel states that children 39" and below cannot ride the Carrousel. He suggested that the Commission change the admission policy so that an adult directly supervising one child shall pay but the child would ride free.

Commissioner Ruiz gladly made a motion to accept the revised age restriction as outlined by Mr. Arnold in light of the generous offer made by Messrs. Lau and Jhin. He said the spirit of their offer enabled the Commission to deny a fee increase at the carrousel.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-77

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies a fee increase for the Golden Gate Park Carrousel, and establishes a policy that eliminates the height restriction for youth and establishes a policy which will allow a child to ride free when directly supervised by a non-riding adult who has paid the admission fee.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

9. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES
INCREASE IN GREEN FEES

Approval of increase for green fees at Fleming, Golden Gate Park, Harding, Lincoln, and Sharp Park Golf Courses, effective July 1, 1995.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that when he presented the budget to the Commission in February he advised that a revenue package totaling $400,000 would be required in the form of a golf fee increase. This $400,000 is equivalent to $1.00 per round of golf; if the fee increase were to apply to non residents only it would be a $2.00 increase. Staff also suggested that the maintenance budget for golf be increased. Staff prepared 7 different versions of fee increases to raise $400,000 for the Golf Division including a $2.00 across the board increase for resident adults and non residents because it would fall within the Commission's policy to not raise fees for children and seniors.

The Finance and Candlestick Committee did not support this recommendation and opted for a fee increase of $1.00 for adult residents, $2.00 for adult non residents, $.50 for seniors, $1.50 for juniors and students. Mr. Arnold explained that the $1.50 junior/student rate will not raise significant revenue. The fee structure as proposed by the Finance and Candlestick Committee would raise approximately $352,000 as opposed to the needed $400,000. Mr. Arnold spoke to the Golf Director, Bob Killian about making up the needed $48,000 and suggested the creation of a Friday rate or adjusting the twilight rate. The rates are still below market for resident adults, seniors and children which has been the policy of the Commission.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the golf fee increase was proposed as part of the budget balancing package and is part of the budget that has been presented to the Mayor.

In response to Commissioner Solomon's questions, Mr. Arnold included $100,000 in the budget submitted to the Mayor for golf course maintenance, however, if the revenue package is less than what was proposed, the Mayor's staff will certainly have the right to make up the difference. If the Mayor doesn't, the Controller also has the authority. Mr. Arnold further explained that there have been separate capital appropriations for golf, such as the recent irrigation improvements at Sharp Park and improvements to made at Golden Gate, through the Golden Gate Park Bond. But those projects are not coming from revenue generated at the golf courses.

In response to Commissioner Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said that the staff recommendation did not propose an increase in fees for seniors but the Finance and Candlestick Committee modified the fee package.

Commissioner Rovetti felt that if a fee was charged for a service something should be given in return. He said the golf courses are in a dilapidated state.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the percentage of golfers who are non residents and seniors is approximately 50%.

9. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES
INCREASE IN GREEN FEES (Continued)

Vice President Chan said the Commission is in a bind because if it approves a revenue package that is less than $400,000 some other programs or services will be affected. From an economical standpoint, the Commission needed to submit a balanced budget.

Mr. Arnold said staff has presented several revenue packages including the closure of recreation centers on Mondays which the Commission did not accept. This action resulted in the budget being out of balance and, therefore, the Mayor increased the salary savings account. If the Commission submits a budget out of balance again the Mayor's staff will ask what it should cut. In order to preserve programs, the only place to cut is in the capital budget. There are 3 capital projects that do not support programs, $1 Million project at Candlestick Park for stadium renovations, $300,000 set aside for golf course maintenance, and $100,000 housing improvement project at Camp Mather.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said that approximately $50-60,000 is raised from the $.50 increase to seniors.

Ms. Burns explained that the Department did not like to recommend an increase in fees, a reduction in hours at the recreation centers, or asking golfers to pay more without giving them a manicured course. But the Recreation and Park Department is seen as a non essential service when compared to the Police or Fire Department and as a consequence more of a burden is placed on Recreation and Park.

Commissioner Rovetti said he reviewed the comparison of what is charged at other golf courses and did not want to decrease the level of maintenance. Currently, the courses are not being maintained and hopefully with the fee increase they will be better maintained.

Clayton Mansfield, chair of the San Francisco Group of the Sierra Club, representing the Advocates for Recreation and Parks Coalition, said the dilemma is real and if fees continue to increase at some point golfers will go elsewhere or stop playing. The same problem is evident for the Japanese Tea Garden and the burden falls on tourists. He said the Commission must inform the Mayor's Office that it is running out of remedies and must find a solution.

Rod Manning, Treasurer of the Lincoln Park Golf Course, said the concerns expressed were genuine. The golf courses in San Francisco and, in particular Lincoln, are jewels that the City should be proud of. He said the increases were not out of range and did not oppose the fee increase but was very concerned where the fees were going and how much will go back to the golf course. He wanted more of the money generated from the golf course fees to be used for golf course maintenance and improvements. He also asked that the Men's Club be able to give their input into the proposed improvements at the golf course.

9. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES
INCREASE IN GREEN FEES (Continued)

Norma Ensner, representing the Lincoln Park Women's Golf Club, said she has expressed her concerns that there have been increases over the last 4 years with very little improvements at the golf courses. She explained that it is very easy to conduct a survey of rates charged at other courses in the Bay Area and say the fees are comparable but what should be compared is the actual conditions of the facilities. For example, the rates for golf carts were increased to $22, and there is only one public course in the area that charges more. However, the carts were used, rather than new. She also expressed concern about the senior non-resident rate because many of the women supported the golf course when there were few amenities at the golf course. Now, these women who supported that course through all the years are on fixed incomes, having to pay $23.00.

Nancy Cohrs, representing Harding Park Women's Golf Club, spoke in opposition to the fee increase, saying golf is no longer affordable. Green fees are not the only charge, there is resident card fees and a golf cart charge, making it a very expensive outing that is no longer affordable for the public.

Sandi Zrnic, representing Lincoln and Sharp Park, said she was happy that the rate increases were reduced at the Committee level. The seniors that she spoke to were not opposed to the $.50 increase. She suggested that a lesser fee be charged when the greens are being cut or sanded so that people can continue to play. She further stated that tennis players play on public courts and do not have to pay a fee for use of tennis court. She felt that consideration should be given to charge a fee for use of tennis court and said the fees should go back to the golf courses.

Bill Cooper, said that the Commission should appreciate the fact that there are residents who do not pay the yearly $20 resident card fee and are residents who play casually. Frequently, those that play casually do not have large incomes. He did not think the $1.50 increase for students was reasonable and said that the fee increase, is a tax on the golfer to pay other City expenses. He felt that increasing the fee for twilight play should be considered rather than this fee increase.

Commissioner Rovetti said he has been on the Commission for 2 years and has been fighting for a percentage of the fees to be returned to the golf courses. The courses generate over $5 Million on green fees alone and not 1% is allocated to golf course maintenance. He wanted to show City Hall that he could submit a budget for maintenance and improvements and felt if the fee package was not approved there would be no chance to maintain the courses.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Burns explained that there is a plan of what needs to be done at the golf courses and $300,000 has been set aside for facilities maintenance. She informed the golfers that the Department needed their assistance to lobby the powers to be at City Hall to keep the $300,000 in place so they are aware of the golfer's needs. Often, golfers are not visible during the budgetary discussions at City Hall, yet other constituencies voice their plea. She encouraged golfers to show their support during Board of Supervisors budget hearings.

9. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES
INCREASE IN GREEN FEES (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-78

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the green fees at Fleming, Golden Gate Park, Harding, Lincoln and Sharp Park Golf Courses, effective 7/1/95, as follows:

GOLF COURSE	CURRENT	APPROVED
FLEMING		
Resident Adults-Weekdays	$ 6.00	$ 7.00
Resident Adults-Weekends	$ 8.00	$ 9.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekdays	$11.00	$13.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekends	$12.00	$14.00
Juniors-Weekdays	$ 4.00	$ 5.50
Juniors-Weekends	$ 6.00	$ 7.50
Seniors-Weekdays	$ 5.00	$ 5.50
Seniors-Weekends	$ 8.00	$ 8.50
Student	$ 3.00	$ 4.50
GOLDEN GATE		
Resident Adults-Weekdays	$ 5.00	$ 6.00
Resident Adults-Weekends	$ 7.00	$ 8.00
Non-Residents-Weekdays	$ 8.00	$10.00
Non-Residents-Weekends	$11.00	$13.00
Juniors-Weekdays	$ 3.00	$ 4.50
Juniors-Weekends	$ 5.00	$ 6.50
Seniors-Weekdays	$ 4.00	$ 4.50
Seniors-Weekends	$ 7.00	$ 7.50
HARDING		
Resident Adults-Weekdays	$16.00	$17.00
Resident Adults-Weekends	$19.00	$20.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekdays	$24.00	$26.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekends	$29.00	$31.00
Juniors-Weekdays	$ 8.00	$ 9.50
Juniors-Weekends	$15.00	$16.50
Seniors-Weekdays	$10.00	$10.50
Seniors-Weekends	$15.00	$15.50
Seniors-After 1:00 p.m.	$ 7.00	$ 7.50
Seniors-Back 9	$ 9.00	$ 9.50
Student	$ 1.00	$ 2.50
LINCOLN		
Resident Adults-Weekdays	$14.00	$15.00
Resident Adults-Weekends	$17.00	$18.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekdays	$21.00	$23.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekends	$25.00	$27.00
Resident Adults-Weekdays	$14.00	$15.00
Resident Adults-Weekends	$17.00	$18.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekdays	$21.00	$23.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekends	$25.00	$27.00

9. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES
INCREASE IN GREEN FEES (Continued) **RES. NO. 9504-78**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the green fees at Fleming, Golden Gate Park, Harding, Lincoln and Sharp Park Golf Courses, effective 7/1/95, as follows:

LINCOLN	CURRENT	APPROVED
Juniors-Weekdays	$ 9.00	$10.50
Juniors-Weekends	$14.00	$15.50
Seniors-Weekdays	$ 9.00	$ 9.50
Seniors-Weekends	$14.00	$14.50
Seniors-After 1:00 p.m.	$ 7.00	$ 7.50
Student	$ 1.00	$ 2.50
SHARP		
Resident Adults-Weekdays	$14.00	$15.00
Resident Adults-Weekends	$17.00	$18.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekdays	$21.00	$23.00
Non-Resident Adults-Weekends	$25.00	$27.00
Juniors-Weekdays	$ 9.00	$10.50
Juniors-Weekends	$14.00	$15.50
Seniors-Weekdays	$ 9.00	$ 9.50
Seniors-Weekends	$14.00	$14.50
Seniors-After 1:00 p.m.	$ 7.00	$ 7.50
Student	$ 1.00	$ 2.50

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Immendorf
Absent: Commissioner Mc-Ardle-Solomon

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN
ADMISSION FEE INCREASE

Approval of admission fee increase from $2.00 to $2.50 at the Japanese Tea Garden, effective July 1, 1995.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that part of the revenue package submitted to the Mayor included a fee increase of $1.00 for admission to the Japanese Tea Garden for adults. Currently, the admission fee is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for seniors and youth. Staff recommended increasing the adult fee from $2.00 to $3.00. The $1.00 increase will generate approximately $100,000. The Finance and Candlestick Committee recommended a $.50 increase which will leave a shortfall of $150,000.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the Commission's revisions to the revenue increase package submitted to the Mayor create a shortfall of $50,000 in golf fees and $150,000 for the Japanese Tea Garden.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN
ADMISSION FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Gordon Lau, explained that he submitted a letter outlining his views on this matter at the Committee meeting. Staff has recommended a 50% increase to the Tea Garden's fee. He believed that this price increase will be detrimental and thought few local residents enjoyed the Tea Garden or the Conservatory when other areas in Golden Gate Park such as the Arboretum and Rose Garden are free. The Japanese Tea Garden is along the Gray Line tour and is the only attraction on the Gray Line tour where an admission is charged. If the Commission wanted residents to enjoy the Tea Garden it must make it affordable. He was aware that the Department had to increase fees but preferred that the fee increase be done incrementally. He feared that the fee increase would scare away residents and commented that local people do not visit the Garden because of the fee and since the free Wednesdays days were stopped.

Commissioner Rovetti respected Mr. Lau's comments and said that he did not want to increase fees. However, if the fee was not approved there would be a decrease in staffing levels and then the level of maintenance for the Japanese Tea Garden.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick and Administration Committee, and on Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-79

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an admission fee increase from $2.00 to $2.50 at the Japanese Tea Garden, effective July 1, 1995.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

11. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
SUMMER DAY CAMP
INCREASE IN FEES

Approval of fee increase for the summer day camps, effective for Summer 1995.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained this item was brought to the Commission in February. The staff recommendation at that meeting was to increase the specialty day camp summer fees by $20 a week. At that meeting staff informed the Commission that the Department is substantially below the market rates. He referred to a graph that showed the Department below market when compared to other summer camps in the area.

Mr. Arnold said that staff has taken a substantial number of reservations for summer camp and assumed it had received approval from the Commission based on the budgetary presentation that was approved in February. The Commission supported the fee increase in February.

11. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
SUMMER DAY CAMP
INCREASE IN FEES (Continued)

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said the summer day camp fees were published 3 weeks ago. When this issue was considered in February as part of the budget process, staff thought the $20 increase would raise $80,000. When staff actually applied a $20 increase across the board along with the scholarship program, the required $80,000 in revenues was not realized. Therefore, the Recreation Division created some new camps and fees that have previously not existed. The number of weeks for camp has also been reduced from last year, which is a reduction in service. He felt it was not unreasonable to propose a fee increase since the camps are not self supporting. He apologized if staff proceeded with registration without authorization but did so based on the February 2, 1995 approval of the 1995-96 budget.

Susanne Raynard, said she understood the Commission needed to raise revenues and the fees for day camps seemed reasonable but it is a substantial percentage increase for families who count on this program every summer. There are families who will have to decide whether to send kids to camp or to put food on the table. She understood that there is a 5% scholarship provision and felt if fees were increased to this degree a greater percentage of scholarships should be provided. She said people who can afford the day camps are sending their children but the goal of Recreation and Park should be to serve the City's children.

Elsie Banderas, explained that she has a large family and a husband who just took a pay cut and opposed the $20 .increase for the simple fact that the scholarship program is offered to only 5%. She was aware that there was a demand and a waiting list for these day camp sites during the summer but she could not afford to send 2 of her children. The camps are filled with families who can afford to pay the fee. The $20 increase in fees represented a lot of money to her and others.

Margaret Brodkin, representing Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, said a 50% increase fee is extraordinary and many of the families disappear. The slots will fill up but the program will not be offered to those in real need. She proposed an interim solution whereby any available slots be designated for the scholarship program. She said there is nothing more pressing for parents than what to do with their children during the summer. She thought some sort of task force needed to be convened to develop a proposal for next summer to dramatically expand the summer programs. The summer camps for kids are at the top of the list in terms of safety of kids, safety of the City.

President Immendorf said it was obvious that people on the low end of the economic scale do not voice their objection to the Commission yet those are the kids that should be in day camp. He recounted a recent comment made that some kids join fraternities and others join gangs. There are not many alternatives for those that are economically disadvantaged and the 5% scholarship seemed minuscule. Even though the rates are competitive the question before the Commission is whether it is trying to make money or provide services for kids. Recreation and Park is getting away from one of its primary objectives which is to serve the youth of the City.

11. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
SUMMER DAY CAMP
INCREASE IN FEES (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said the notices on the proposed rates were mailed without Commission approval because when the budget was considered in February the summer day camp fee proposal was part of the budget for Fiscal Year 1995-96. Since the Commission approved that budget staff assumed that it had received Commission approval. The flyer was mailed 3 weeks ago because people needed to know of the availability of day camps.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's questions, **Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson**, explained that the day camp flyers were distributed at the recreation centers and to past users of the day camp programs. The response has been good with over half of the total slots filled. Mr. Robinson said that the camps could probably be filled at a rate of $100 a week but it does change the makeup of the camp. It will cost $1,000 for 2 children to attend a summer day camp and many families in the City cannot afford this rate.

Commissioner Ruiz was concerned as there is a gang problem in urban cities and San Francisco is one of the leading cities with the highest concentration of children living in poverty. And now the Commission was about to adopt an exclusionary policy with only a 5% scholarship. He did not support the increase because it makes the program available for only a certain segment of the City. The policy cannot address all those in need but should make provision for families who cannot afford to pay these fees. He said families in his community cannot afford the Department's day camps even with the present fee schedule.

President Immendorf suggested that staff curtail taking further registrations and target those who are economically disadvantaged. A discussion ensued whether or not registration could be frozen and if the remaining slots could be offered at a reduced rate.

Mr. Arnold suggested, as an alternative, to not increase fees for the Department's athletic day camp, which has not begun accepting applications and will not do so until May 6. The athletic day camp hours are 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m., is on a MUNI line and is very accessible.

Commissioner Ruiz was willing to support this proposal with the stipulation that the scholarship program be increased from 5% to 50%. He felt the Department needed to increase the number of scholarships available at the other camps.

President Immendorf suggested that at least 25% of the enrollment be in the form of a scholarship.

Mr. Arnold stated that from a financial standpoint the newer proposal will not generate the revenue as previously outlined and that some of the camps are full. Staff could make a target or goal for the scholarship program.

11. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
SUMMER DAY CAMP
INCREASE IN FEES (Continued)

Mr. Robinson explained that each recreation center offers a few slots for children for each camp session. The day camps are approximately 60% full with Pine Lake at 30% and Silver Tree at 75%.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-80

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a fee increase for the summer day camps, effective for the Summer 1995, as follows:

CAMP	# OF WEEKS	CURRENT WEEKLY RATES	APPROVED WEEKLY RATES
Silver Tree	8	$35.00	$55.00
Pine Lake	8	$35.00	$55.00
Pacific Art	8	$50.00	$70.00
Athletic Sports Camp	8	$33.00	No Increase
Athletic Sports Extended Care	8	$20.00	No Increase

Creative Venture:	# OF WEEKS	CURRENT WEEKLY RATES	APPROVED WEEKLY RATES
Video/Photo/Film	6	n/a	$55.00
Dance	6	n/a	$45.00
Teen Musical Theatre	7	n/a	$20.00
Sharon Arts	8	n/a	$55.00

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

12. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
DISCOUNT TICKET POLICY

Consideration of Giants' 50% discount ticket policy for baseball games held during the month of April.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request from the Giants to discount their prices for the month of April by 50% for all seats including opening day. This was an issue because the lease with the Giants does not allow for discounts and requires the Commission to approve prices of all seats at Candlestick Park. When the discounts were announced to the public, staff was surprised and asked the City Attorney if it was within the terms of the lease. A letter from the City Attorney was sent to the Giants which stated that they should have sought approval from the Commission.

12. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
DISCOUNT TICKET POLICY (Continued)

The Giants appeared before the Commission last month and stated that they were not aware that they needed to seek prior Commission approval. Mr. Arnold thought that the Giants understood this issue and would seek approval for future discounts. Based on that feeling, he wrote a memorandum recommending that the Giants' request be approved even though it is estimated that it will cost the Department $30,000 in revenues.

However, the Giants have just began another discount program which again offers lower ticket prices and for which they have not received approval from the Commission or the Department. He did not see a willingness from the Giants to take the lease with the City very seriously. He was therefore reluctant to recommend future discounts without advance Commission approval. The other option is through the City's audit process and requires that the 5% rent paid on admissions be based on value of the ticket rather than the discounted ticket price. Staff could instruct the auditor to make that known.

Commissioner Rovetti said the 3/2/95 letter from the City Attorney was very clear and the lease is not being followed which needed to be addressed.

Pat Gallagher, representing the San Francisco Giants, said reducing prices by 50% for April was an extraordinary move. The original lease with the Giants required Commission approval for price increases and the intent was that any time the Giants wanted to increase the fees it would come before the Commission. With the work stoppage, they had no idea whether when the strike would be settled.

In past years, when the Giants came before the Commission for price increases, they also offered discount prices for seniors, as well as group rates, and offered discounts to increase the volume of people attending the game. During the winter, the Giants responded to what other baseball teams were doing.

He further explained that the Giants would be amenable to advising the General Manager of discounts as they are developed by the Giants. The nature of the business requires that they reduce their prices. He said the Oakland As discounted their prices almost 75% and the Giants felt reducing prices for season ticket holders for the month of April was a goodwill gesture for the fans. There are only 3 games in April.

Commissioner Rovetti explained that Jack Bair, Vice President for Legal and Governmental Affairs for the Giants, was very aware of the position of the Commission at the last meeting and to know that the Giants plan to offer another discount gives the impression that it does not want to abide by the lease.

Commissioner Ruiz said he understood the business decision being made by the Giants to offer discount ticket prices but it was clear that Mr. Bair did not understand that such action needed approval from the Commission because it affected the lease. Mr. Bair insisted that that was not the case. Commissioner Ruiz viewed this as a blatant disregard to abide by the lease and Commission policy.

12. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
DISCOUNT TICKET POLICY

Mr. Gallagher said the Giants were trying to deal with the present situation, noting that the past 8 months have been difficult, and they are looking at what local competitors are offering for ticket prices. He hoped that this issue could be resolved and explained that just last week the Oakland offered a $1.00 ticket price for children which the Giants must respond to. The Giants are in a difficult situation of trying to win fans back.

President Immendorf said that he tried to convey the Commission's viewpoint to Jack Bair that it wanted to work with the Giants. He said the Commission was willing to work with the Giants but the message returned by Mr. Bair was that Commission approval was not necessary.

In response to Mr. Gallagher's question, President Immendorf said a special meeting could be scheduled to address the issue. Mr. Gallagher explained that the Giants knew they needed to approach the Commission for price increases but thought discounts did not require Commission approval. The Giants feel this policy is restrictive. He reiterated that the Giants want to work the Commission and to honor the lease commitments. He apologized for any past misunderstandings.

President Immendorf suggested that Mr. Gallagher meet with Mr. Arnold to discuss this discount policy issue. Commissioner Rovetti wanted the City to receive the appropriate percentage from ticket sales.

Mr. Gallagher explained that if the Giants have a losing season it will affect the City's revenue regardless of the ticket price. He further explained that ticket sales have been down. He projected that opening day even with the 50% discount will be between 35,000 to 40,000.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9504-81

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a Giants' 50% discount ticket policy for baseball games held during the month of April.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emeric Kalman posed the following questions to the Commission: ❶what has happened to the Commission's Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, ❷when will the portable restrooms be removed at the Marina, and ❸ was there money in the Golden Gate Park Infrastructure bond to repair the Carrousel, and ❹ asked for a time frame to complete the west end restrooms at the Marina. He then discussed the mushroom farm, which he originally proposed as an alternative use for the sewage treatment plant. The mushroom farm would be an ecological center as well and if the mycological society became involved in this project it could be a profitable venture for the City.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon, said there are a few small items that need to be completed for the west end restrooms at the Marina. Mr. de Leon further explained that he would look into removing the portable restrooms at the Marina.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Commission's committees were analyzed. Since the work load of some committees were heavier than others and given the time commitments of commissioners, the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee was collapsed and consolidated with the Recreation Program Committee.

Ms. Burns then explained that the Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond can be used only for specific things. If there is a need to repair the utilities they may be competed as part of the Infrastructure Bond.

Ms. Burns further explained that Mr. Kalman has proposed to change the approved mitigation for the sewage treatment plant in Golden Gate Park from expansion of the soccer field to retaining the buildings, restoring them, and using them to house a mushroom farm. This proposal is counter to what the Commission had approved.

14. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Immendorf apologized to staff that it seemed that he was trying to be obstinate but he was opposed to raising fees for children and seniors.

He welcomed the newest member of the Commission, Angelo Quaranta.

15. **COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS**

Commissioner Rovetti asked for a report on the Palace of Fine Arts lagoon and Lake Merced.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Friends of Recreation and Parks has pledged $25,000 to clean the lagoon. The Exploratorium is vigorously pursuing a proposal for a General Obligation Bond to be placed on the November ballot which, if approved, may repair a drainage problem that is affecting the lagoon.

The Lake Merced water level has risen 2 1/2' and now has dropped about 6".

16. **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of March 1, 1995
- Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of April 4, 1995
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of April 6, 1995

17. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Gardner Still, an employee of the Recreation and Park Department's Corporation Yard, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Don Franklin, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department's Recreation Division Yard, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Harold Walther, Jr. a Park Patrol Officer of the Recreation and Park Department, who recently passed away.

At the request of the General Manager, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes to Mike Morlin, Assistant Superintendent for Neighborhood Parks, who recently was married.

There being no further business, the 703rd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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The Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 4, 1995 at 1:40 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf and President Sidney Unobskey.

1. **ROLL CALL**

◆RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION◆	◆CITY PLANNING COMMISSION◆
Present:	**Present:**
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President	Commissioner Sidney Unobskey, President
Commissioner Bella Farrow	Commissioner Frank Fung, Vice President
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon	Commissioner Toby Levine
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta	Commissioner Susan Lowenberg
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti	Roberta Boomer (Ex-Officio Transportation Commission)
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz	David Prowler (Ex-Officio Chief Administrative Officer)
Absent:	**Absent:**
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President	Commissioner Larry Martin

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Consideration of adoption of the 1995-1996 budget for the Open Space Acquisition and Park Renovation Program.

Steven Shotland, representing City Planning, explained that the Joint Commissions would be given an overview of the 1995-96 Open Space Acquisition and Park Renovation Program by the Recreation and Park Department. Then, since there are a number of sites proposed for acquisition that are not designated for acquisition in the recreation and open space element of the City's Master Plan, the Joint Commission hearing would be temporarily closed so that the Planning Commission could separately consider the Master Plan amendments. After the Planning Commission takes action, the joint meeting will be re-opened and the entire Open Space Program will be considered by the Joint Commissions.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Joint Commission hearing began in 1976 as a way to have the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission work together to adopt the Open Space Program. The Open Space Program is a special tax set aside to fund acquisition and development of parks, renovation of existing parks, and maintenance costs for parks throughout the City.

Ms. Burns said the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, a group of dedicated citizens, invites the public to suggest the appropriate projects that neighborhoods and communities feel should receive funding. She complimented the efforts of this Committee as the process is labor intensive and stressful, with more requests than available funding. The Committee makes hard decisions and develops recommendations to the Commissions on how the funds should be expended.

Ms. Burns said the General Manager's Report details the progress on a variety of other projects that are under development and design. She outlined the accomplishments from the past year:

- The Tenderloin Recreation Center. This project started 10 years and the opening dedication was held a few weeks ago.
- Approval of the lease with the San Francisco Unified School District for additional land adjacent to Brooks Park.
- The shoreline park at India Basin is under construction.
- The soccer field at Dolores Park is under construction.
- Alioto Mini Park is nearing completion. A community garden has been established at this site.
- The Washington-Hyde Mini Park is under construction.
- The West Portal Playground play area has been renovated.
- The Richmond Recreation Center will soon go out to bid for construction.
- The Randall Museum Greenhouse project has been completed.

Ms. Burns explained there have been few instances when the Department and the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee have disagreed with the recommendations made in the Open Space Program. This year, the Department proposed that $1million in one-time revenues be used to fund a portion of the Urban Forestry Division for the Recreation and Park Department. The Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee had hoped that the Urban Forestry Program would be funded through the Department's General Fund and had identified a number of other projects for this $1 million. Regretfully, she recommended the transfer of this money, unless the Department receives funding through another piece of legislation that has recently been announced, the Landscape and Lighting District Assessment. If the Assessment District is approved, the Urban Forestry Division would be funded by the Assessment District and allow the $1 million funding for projects identified by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Ms. Burns then explained that a preliminary audit from the Controller's Office raised questions regarding the transportation component that allows non-profit groups to have buses transport them to recreation facilities throughout the City and outside the City. Rather than continue funding the transportation program though Open Space Program she proposed shifting that program to the Department's General Fund and to fund the staff for the new Tenderloin Recreation Center through the Open Space Program. This is legal and proper and would satisfy the City's auditor.

Finally, Ms. Burns pointed out that she had a potential conflict of interest with regard to a request from the community to purchase property in an area near Lawton and 15th. Since she owns property close to this site and she wanted the record to reflect the fact that she did not participate in any of the conversations that took place with regard to acquisition of this area. The actual recommendation was made by Mr. Arnold.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Joint Commissions previously approved the purchase of significant natural areas on the Bayview Hill site. This acquisition proposal dates back to 1991. Several offers have been made on behalf of the City to acquire various portions of the site on Bayview Hill. All of the sites are under single ownership which is currently under an estate. The Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee had previously recommended that a 6 acre portion be acquired on the top of the hill. Subsequent to that action, there was a recommendation that 26 acres of this site be acquired. Offers have been made but were not accepted. As of last summer, the City offered to acquire the entire site but the offer was not accepted. In mid April Mr. Arnold was informed by the City Attorney's Office and the Real Estate Office that they did not believe an agreement could be reached on price for this property and advised that if the City wished to proceed it should do so under Eminent Domain. They also advised that the City may wish to consider acquiring the entire site, all 30 acres with Open Space funds, not just the 26 acres that had been previously identified for Open Space acquisition under the natural areas program.

The Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee met on April 11, 1995 and recommended acquiring the entire site with Open Space Funds. The vote was unanimous. Although there was no final determination as to how the entire site would be used there was a general discussion that the hillside would be left in its natural state and the 4 acre flat area along Jamestown would be developed for active recreational use and to continue to provide overflow parking for events at Candlestick Park approximately 25 days per year. There has been no final action on that matter. There were representations made for and against the 4 acres. The Planning Commission has received a proposal that indicates it could be used for housing or open space. By separate action, the Recreation and Park Commission approved the acquisition of the entire 30 acres. The determination before the Planning Commission is whether to designate the 4 acres along Jamestown as public open space.

Mr. Arnold explained that there are Charter imposed requirements on how the Open Space Fund must be spent. Not more than 40% of total fund may be spent on maintenance of previously acquired properties.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Of the remainder:

20% for the operation of the After School Program
At least 40% for acquisition and development
At least 15% for renovation
No more than 25% for administration, programs and maintenance of new open space properties and renovated open space facilities

The funding for this year's program is proposed as follows:

After School Program	$ 2,181,000 (12%)
Acquisition and Development	5,982,663 (34%)
Urban Forestry (one time allocation)	1,000,000*
Renovation	1,725,000 (10%)
Prop. J. Maintenance	6,640,000 (38%)
Administration	1,016,337 (06%)
Grand Total	**$18,545,000**

*Not part of the allocation formula per the City Attorney

Mr. Arnold outlined the budget for Acquisition and Development:

1.	Athletic Fields - acquisition and development. No specific site has been identified at this time.	$150,000
2.	Brooks Park - acquisition of Block 7075, lots 32 through 35	100,000
3.	Brooks Park - lease of adjacent SFUSD property (additional funds)	240,000
4.	Chinatown Park - to complete financing of new park	400,000
5.	City Attorney Support - for legal services to program	100,000
6.	Community Gardens - to continue annual support to SLUG	50,000
7.	India Basin Shoreline Park - for continued development	240,000
8.	Japan Peace Plaza - for water proofing and slate tiles	280,000
9.	Lessing Sears Lot - acquisition, additional funds	50,000
10.	Natural Areas Acquisition - continued banking	1,017,663
11.	Natural Areas Management Plan - implementation	145,000
12.	North Beach Pool - relocation and reconstruction of pool;	300,000
	continued banking	
13.	Real Estate Dept. Support - services to the Open Space Program	100,000
14.	Recreation Programs:	
	Tenderloin Recreation Center staffing	80,000
	Transportation Programs:	
	Randall Museum	25,000
	High Need/City Wide	120,000
	McLaren Day Camp	60,000
15.	Regional Trails - development	50,000
16.	St. Mary's Square Rooftop Development - park expansion	700,000
17.	Sharon Arts Center - acquire new site and relocate	400,000
18.	South of Market Park Site - continued banking	500,000
19.	Tenderloin Pre-school Playground site - acquisition	600,000
20.	Urban Forestry - City wide tree maintenance	1,275,000
ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT TOTAL		**$6,982,663**

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Mr. Arnold then explained that the Recreation and Park Department staff conducted an assessment of all the playgrounds in the City under its jurisdiction and rated and prioritized them. All of the playgrounds were rated "A", "B", and "C" and those with the highest need of renovation were given an "A" rating. An "A" rating are sites that are heavily used and in need of immediate attention and renovation. Mr. Arnold outlined the renovation projects for the upcoming year:

1.	Adam Rogers Park - to complete renovation project	$300,000
2.	Chinese Playground - to complete funding of renovation	300,000
3.	Coffman Pool - repair of dry rot	35,000
4.	Disabled Access Improvements - to comply with A.D.A	25,000
5.	Eureka Valley - expansion of program area	75,000
6.	Fencing - repairs, City-wide	100,000
7.	Franklin Square Soccer Field - for regulation field	150,000
8.	Gilman Playground - renovate play area (design)	20,000
9.	Golden Gate Park Polo Fields - field renovation	50,000
10.	Hazardous Materials Abatement Program - City-wide	50,000
11.	Hunters Point Gym - renovation (design)	25,000
12.	Irrigation renovation - City-wide	75,000
13.	Jackson Playground - play area renovation	100,000
14.	Koshland Park - renovation (design)	25,000
15.	McKinley Square - renovation and new irrigation	75,000
16.	Portola Playground - play area renovation	150,000
17.	Precita Park - to complete Phase II renovations	50,000
18.	Security Lighting - install/repair City-wide	50,000
19.	Visitacion Valley - play area renovation (design)	20,000
20.	Visitacion Valley - clubhouse renovation supplement	50,000

RENOVATION TOTAL $ 1,725,000

MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACE ACQUIRED

Permanent Salaries	4,883,896
Holiday Pay	9,569
Premium Pay	5,225
Temporary Salaries	131,405
Mandatory Fringes	1,006,971
Non-Personal Services	317,334
Use of Employee Car	2,500
Other Contractual Services	153,594
Telephone	9,200
Material and Supplies	152,040
Equipment Purchase	120,600
Worker's Compensation	165,000

MAINTENANCE TOTAL $6,640,000

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

PLANNING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION & MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACE ACQUIRED

1446 Secretary II	37,479	Golden Gate Park Master Plan	$50,000
1652 Senior Accountant	44,527	Bridges - Training Program	25,000
1823 Senior Administrative Analyst	50,294	Translation	4,000
3135 Neighborhood Services Director	50,292	Miscellaneous (bus rental, printing)	12,000
5280 Planner III	55,725	Auto Mileage	500
(2) 2708 Custodian	62,170	Telephone	6,070
(2) 3417 Gardener	78,614	Materials & Supplies	7,500
7334 Stationary Engineer	45,414	Volunteer Program	4,000
Holiday Pay	600	Other	3,500
Mandatory Fringe Benefits	99,153	Equipment	5,000
Temporary Salaries	25,000	Workers Compensation	26,500
City-wide Overhead	243,000	Services of Other Departments	62,500
Contractual Services	116,000	General	22,500
Environmental Consultant	25,000	Open Space Work Order	40,000

ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE TOTAL $ 1,016,337

In response to Commissioner Levine's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that a number of parks are closed at night and are signed with this information. The parks that are physically locked such as Macaulay Park and Howard Langton Mini Park are in the process of being renovated. Howard Langton Mini Park is being converted to a community garden and the pre-existing structures were removed. Macaulay Park is closed for renovation and Alioto Mini Park has been temporarily closed while it was being renovated.

Commissioner Levine explained that she had received inquiries regarding the acquisition on 23rd and Treat Street. Mr. Arnold said the plan has received preliminary approval but toxics were found on the site and the Real Estate Department and the owner have not decided who will pay for removal of the toxics.

Public Testimony

Claire Isaacs, Co-Chair of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, explained that the Committee works 7 months and hears hundreds of requests from the community about the City's parks. She thanked the Recreation and Park Department staff for their support. The Committee voted almost unanimously against the $1 Million for Urban Forestry. She felt it was terrible to take $1 Million from desperately needed projects and urged the Commissions to realize that this must never happen again. The entire Committee voted in favor of acquisition of the 30 acres of Bayview Hill property and while they realize there is question about the 4 acres on Jamestown, the natural area acquisition fund could be replenished next year. She welcomed the transfer of the Transportation Fund to the General Fund because there was question as to whether it was an appropriate use of Open Space funds.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Kathy Perry, spoke in support of Pamela Sims, a beneficiary of the Bayview Hill property, and asked the City to hold off on the Eminent Domain process. She commented that the African American community is not doing well in San Francisco citing that it makes up 10.5% of the total population yet occupies 51% of the jails, 74% of the public housing and 1/3 of the homeless population, all of which is the direct result of the absence of ownership. She said an African American with developmental property is a rare community commodity and she could not support any act by the City to seek ownership. She urged the City to work with Ms. Sims who wants to develop the area for housing which will bring wealth to the community. She respected open space and liked the idea that a portion of the land remain as such but was pleased the area had development opportunities.

Barbara Wenger, a member of the Hayes Valley Coalition, said she has been working on renovating Koshland Park. In the last 7-8 years Koshland Park has been used by prostitutes and drug addicts who have taken over the park. Over the past year, the community mobilized, became a strong contingent and worked with Recreation and Park to bring the park back to the neighborhood. The park needs a retaining wall and the only play structure was burned and needs to be replaced. She asked that funding be approved for this park for the community.

Ron Miguel, representing the Planning Association for the Richmond, Park and a member of the Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, said the Committee has the largest participation of citizens, the people who use the open space and parks. He echoed Ms. Isaac's comments about the $1 Million transfer of Urban Forestry, saying he did not like it, and hoped it would not be considered in future years. He was enthusiastic about transferring the Transportation Funds as it was the subject of discussion at many of their meetings. He finally stated that the Real Estate Department and Recreation and Park Department have attempted to work with the Marin County Public Administrator on the issue of the Bayview Hill property. The concept of Eminent Domain is a method by which real estate is transferred when two people cannot agree on a price for the sale of a property.

President Immendorf said that the $1 Million transfer of funds for Urban Forestry was carefully considered by the Recreation and Park Commission. Many people testified in opposition and spoke of other projects that needed funding. He felt the Commission only took this action because other programs and services would have been deleted or reduced.

Stephen Nahm, President of the Midtown Terrace Homeowners Association, was present to discuss a proposal to acquire additional open space in the Twin Peaks. Unfortunately, the Midtown Terrace Association had not participated in the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee meetings in the past 2 years. He said the lots are presently undeveloped and are part of the scenic 17 mile drive. They are adjacent to existing open space and one of the lots is proposed for development. He felt the lots should be acquired because they form an anchor to the open space and said the neighborhood strongly supports the acquisition. He felt the land should have been considered in the open space acquisition.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Ruth Gravanis, acknowledged the very hard work of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee who are unsung heroes that perform a very difficult and time consuming job. She also complimented Recreation and Park Department staff for their work in putting together this proposal. She explained that she was active in the campaign to develop the Open Space Program. It was important to remember the original intent of the Open Space Program. It was not to be viewed as an extra fund to dip into when times are hard. This special fund should be spent on projects that are over and above the regular needs of the Department and was distressed about the $1Million transfer of funds for Urban Forestry. She felt the Bayview Hill acquisition was important and the Real Estate Department recommended that the most cost effective way to acquire this property was to acquire the entire 30 acres. However, any amount that comes from the natural areas fund that is not technically going to natural areas acquisition should be replenished in future years.

Patricia Walkup, was present to support the allocation of funding for the redesign of Koshland Park. She said the Police Department has made a lot of progress in eliminating some of the drug use but the way the park is presently laid out there are a number of hidden areas. The park needs to be redesigned. She said the park is a danger for residents who live adjacent to it and recounted the fact that a Recreation and Park Department employee had a gun pulled on him in the park in February.

Judith Eamons, a community organizer with Neighbors in Transition, was present to talk about Koshland Park. She expressed her appreciation that the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee recommended funding for the redesign because it has given the neighborhood a boost. The park has been taken over by drugs and prostitution; it was used by schools. Neighbors are continuing to take back the park and have lunch there every Tuesday. The neighbors watch the park and are looking at ways to find funding for it. The vision is that the park will again be used by children and the entire community.

Emanuel Jolish, representing the Midtown Terrace Association, lives 3 blocks away from the land he wants to be acquired for open space. He was present to ask the Commissions and the Recreation and Park Department to notify him of meetings of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. He thought there should be a special effort to get feedback from the immediate neighbors and the affected Associations regarding proposed acquisitions.

Malik Matthew, an African-American born in San Francisco, said it was an inhumane act to take away people from their land. He said the homeless know nothing but open space and the Commissions were acting with a lack of concern. He supported Pamela Sims and her right to develop her property as she sees fit.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

David Bradford, representing Calle 22, said over the past 4 1/2 years he has worked cooperatively with the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee to acquire the property at 23rd and Treat Street. After the property was acquired Commissioners Levine and Ruiz held community meetings on the open space needs assessment for the Mission District. Recreation and Park held several meetings where plans were discussed and developed for the site. Now he was informed that the City does not have control of the land and there is a disagreement between the owners of the property and Real Estate Department with regard to toxics on the land. The owner is interested in selling the property and the community has waited for years for this park. He urged that this issue be resolved.

Jake Sigg, a member of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, said the vote to acquire all of the 30 acres for Bayview Hill was a difficult decision for him because the money to buy a parking lot for overflow parking at Candlestick was coming out of the fund he worked hard to build. He hoped that next year the natural areas category would be replaced with funding and that the acquisition on Jamestown would not jeopardize the acquisition of Bayview Hill for permanent open space. He said if the $1Million Urban Forestry transfer was not a violation of the law, it certainly is contrary to the spirit of the Open Space Program, because the language specifies that monies from the Open Space Fund, shall be in addition to and not in place of maintenance.

Anthony Sacco, President of the New Mission Terrace Homes Association, spoke about the security lighting fund and asked if funding had been approved for security lighting to be placed at the Balboa Park parking lot. Mr. Arnold explained that funds had been set aside for this purpose.

Charlie Walker, of the African-American Contractors Association, spoke on behalf of Pamela Sims. He said the Redevelopment Agency ran most of the African-Americans out of the Western Addition and that Eminent Domain is a tool used by the City to move African Americans from one site to another. The bulk of African-Americans live in the Bayview Hunters Point area. He had submitted a petition to have the City re-name the Bayview Hunters Point area Africatown just like other areas are named after other ethnic groups such as Chinatown or Japantown. He asked the Commissions to not act hastily and to find a better way than Eminent Domain to take this land away from an African-American.

Kevin Williams, President of the Friends of Candlestick Point, said the acquisition of 30 acres on Bayview Hill implies that an African-American woman cannot freely own land in San Francisco. He felt the Eminent Domain action would not have taken place if the land were owned by someone like Walter Shorenstein or a corporation like Tuntex. However, when a single-parent, black woman wants to develop housing, the Commission decides to use Eminent Domain. He thought this action was morally wrong and said the proposed development holds millions of dollars of economic impact for the community.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Allan Weaver, a member of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, said the Committee almost unanimously voted against the $1Million transfer of funds for Urban Forestry. He has been working on the renovation of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center, and some of that money was taken away from the project to fund the Urban Forestry Division. He urged the Commissions to never take the money again. He felt the natural areas fund was being used improperly to buy the Jamestown property. He said the developer of the Bayview property, who happens to be African-American, inherited the land from a developer who was white. The current owner is not a resident of the Bayview and lives in Marin County and stands to gain millions of dollar for her personal fortune. The City has used Eminent Domain for other acquisitions and did not think racism was the issue in the acquisition of Bayview Hill. The area is open space and nobody would lose their home from the acquisition. There is a desperate need for parks in the Bayview Hunters Point area and members from the community come to the Committee year after year asking for land for open space, rather than housing.

Cheryl Towns, felt it was wrong when a property owner faces Eminent Domain proceedings for the acquisition for open space that is not needed. The property was originally zoned for housing and it is not maintained, inaccessible and unused. She asked why Ms. Sims was being deprived of the option to develop the land. Almost a year has passed since hearings were held on the South Bayshore Plan and was the culmination of over 5 years of discussions by residents and property owners in Bayview Hunters Point. Ms. Sims was born and raised in that community and the message being given is that people should not bother to participate in its government because it does not matter. She said the community was not aware of this issue and felt Ms. Sims' had the right to develop the property as she saw fit.

Martin Reed, President and CEO of Black Unity Now, located in the Bayview Hunters Point on Third Street, represented the youth of the community. He was working with Pamela Sims to develop a memorandum of understanding for the acquisition of her property. He said Ms. Sims wants to give a portion of her property to the community and he was in the process of opening a produce market on 3rd Street. He needed the land because he wanted to develop an organic farm on the land. He explained for the last 11 years he has been in and out of prisons throughout California and there was not available resources or alternatives for him or the community. He said the Bayview Hunters Point community were victims of other people's greed and there was a need to create jobs for the community. He said that African-Americans do not have the resources or other alternatives and need a chance.

John Laskin, was pleased that Recreation and Park has its own planner and thought it was inefficient to have a planner at the Joint Commission meeting. He said that if some entrances to Golden Gate Park are closed more traffic will be placed on other roads in the park. He wanted to see less top down management and preferred to have them consult with the gardener supervisors and baseball coaches rather than the Sierra Club and environmentalists.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Robbyn Morris, addressed the Commissions as an angry white woman and wanted to give a history of the Bayview Hill property. Ms. Morris explained that 13 years ago she met an extraordinary couple, Carl Donnelly, a white entrepreneurial businessman from Ireland, and Pamela Sims, an African-American female born and raised in the Bayview Hunters Point. Together they committed themselves to develop a long range vision of urban development and economic opportunity for their community. In 1988 they purchased the Bayview Hill property that the City now wants to acquire under Eminent Domain. This area had been zoned for residential housing and they designed a community that included a senior care facility, a community organic farm, recreational facilities for teenagers, and decent housing. The couple met with neighborhood groups, churches, businesses, social organizations, with the people who live in Bayview. Carl Donnelly died 2 1/2 years ago from cancer and now, the City has decided to seek ownership of this land. She felt it was unfair to take the privately owned property from Pamela Sims and her daughter against their will. She urged the Commission to let the community give birth to this vision that could include some open space as well as affordable housing.

Pamela Sims, displayed the 30 acre site of Bayview Hill and said the upper portion was originally designated for acquisition by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee and over 75 Bayview Hunters Point residents came and expressed their desire that they were interested in seeing housing developed at that site. Carl Donnelly was the original owner of that site and she was part of his development team and his family. The vision was to develop a housing development program. A map was submitted in 1991 which called for 262 lots to be subdivided on the 30 acres. Much money has been spent on the environmental review process, including soils testing, traffic tests, and archaeological studies. She knew only two Bayview Hill residents who supported open space at this location. The City made offers for the land which were not financially acceptable and were rejected. When she heard that the City wanted to acquire the land with natural area funds she was dumbfounded that a parking lot was considered a natural area. Up until 3 weeks ago she was supportive of using the process of Eminent Domain and only asked that the City amend its resolution so that some of the lower portion of land could still be made available for housing development which was what was promised to the community. She said the Commissions cannot ignore the economy and social impact on individual families, and the entire African American community and advise them that they will be better served by hard surface recreational opportunities. She informed the Commissions that she no longer was going to cooperate with the City and asked for 45 days to put together an alternative that meets the environmental needs, economic, needs, social needs, not just for her and her family but for the community.

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Commission Secretary Linda Avery, explained that the Joint Commission meeting would be suspended and the Planing Commission would now consider the issue of the Master Plan.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Mr. Shotland, from City Planning, outlined the Master Plan amendments explaining that there are 4 sites that are proposed to be acquired this year which are not currently designated in the Master Plan and one site that must be de-designated.

→The site that must be de-designated is adjacent to Brooks Park and is identified as Lot 36.

The parcels that needed to be incorporated into the open space element of the City's Master Plan are as follows:

→Brooks Park adjacent property. He depicted the area on a map, explaining that the lots fronts on Bernal Street and are identified as Lots 32 and 33. Acquisition will provide additional access to the park.

→Tenderloin Park Pre-School Site. Last year 2 alternate sites were proposed for acquisition. This year the Recreation and Park Department determined to proceed with the acquisition of the northeast corner of Turk and Hyde Street, identified as Lot 21.

→16th and Dolores Street, identified as Lot 25, is the proposed site for the relocation of the Sharon Arts center. The site is located on the northeast corner of 16th and Dolores Street and has a structure on the site. Staff feels that the site is appropriate in terms of size and location for conversion to a future Sharon Arts Center.

→Bayview Hill site. In previous years, the Commission acted to acquire more than 2/3 of the site on the slope of the hill, just below Bayview Hill Park and has previously considered acquisition of the upper portion of this site as a natural area.

4:00 p.m. Commissioner Farrow left the meeting.

In response to Commissioner Lowenberg's question, Mr. Shotland explained that the rationale to acquire the lower flat land area is to use it for a small percentage of time to provide parking at events at Candlestick Park and the balance of the time it will be used for active recreation.

Planning Director, Lou Blajez, clarified the fact that in prior years the Commission identified the areas known as Phase I and 2 as significant natural areas. The area known as Phase 3, the level area along Jamestown was not designated last year.

Commissioner Boomer felt uncomfortable proceeding with designating the Bayview Hill site without giving Ms. Sims the 45 days she requested. She suggested that language be incorporated into the resolution giving Ms. Sims 45 days or by separate action sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors. She wanted to give the community the opportunity since they need economic growth.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Mr. Blajez explained that designating the property does not preclude an owner from proposing development proposals for the land and that if the Commission took action it would not preclude Ms. Sims from pursuing her proposals.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Eminent Domain action has not been calendared before the Board of Supervisors but if the Commission did not designate this land as public open space then the City cannot proceed with acquisition.

Commissioner Fung did not see the value of acquiring the 4 acres and questioned the process. He said he needed more information in order to act on this matter.

Mr. Blajez explained that when land is acquired for open space whether it is a natural area or park space, the zoning does not change. The Commission's action would state that the City intends to acquire this property for open space use and does not preclude anyone from proceeding with a development proposal.

Commissioner Prowler pointed out that if the Commission made a finding that the site should be open space it might impact on a housing proposal. He felt that part of the site should be developed for residential use.

On motion of Commissioner Prowler, seconded by Commissioner Boomer, the following resolution was adopted by the City Planning Commission:

RES. NO. 13868

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the San Francisco Charter requirements that the City Planning Commission adopt and maintain, including necessary changes therein, a Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Certain portions of the Master Plan may over time become obsolete; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission adopted the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan by Resolution No. 11067 on July 9, 1987; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan by Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991 to add City wide Policy #13, which states "Preserve and protect significant Natural Areas," and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan by adopting Resolution No. 13411 on October 1, 1992, to add and revise policies on regional recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to acquire and develop additional public open space, as well as to renovate and maintain it; and

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

City Planning Commission Resolution No. 13868 (Continued)

WHEREAS, Since 1987 many of the sites proposed to be acquired as open space in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" have been or are in the process of being acquired to serve the needs of San Francisco residents; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Case No. 95.120R, the 1995-1996 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, four sites are proposed for acquisition as public open space that are not designated in the Recreation and Open Space Element as proposed public open space by either policy or map; and

WHEREAS, one lot proposed for acquisition in the 1994-1995 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program has been removed from further consideration for acquisition [though adjacent properties are proposed for acquisition] as public open space in Case No. 95-120R, the 1995-1996 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program; and

WHEREAS, the following sites listed below are proposed to be added to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space":

(a) Brooks Park adjacent property, acquisition of Assessor's Block 7075, Lots 32, 33
(b) Tenderloin Pre-School Park Site, northeast corner of Turk and Hyde Streets, AB 337, Lot 21
(c) Replacement site for Sharon Arts Center, to be located 16th and Dolores Street, AB 3556, Lot 25;

WHEREAS, The site listed below is proposed to be deleted from Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" in the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space":

(d) Brooks Park adjacent property, Assessor's Block 7075, Lot 36; and

WHEREAS, There is significant neighborhood agreement on disposition of the sites; and

WHEREAS, The sites proposed for acquisition would enlarge and existing public park, protect a natural area, provide a much-needed amenity in a "High Need" area, or would replace an existing undersized recreation facility; and

WHEREAS, On balance, the proposed amendments are consistent with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Sections 3.525 and 6.413, notice was duly given of a public hearing by the City Planning Commission to consider adoption of an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, which hearing was held on May 4, 1995; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 1995, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and considered testimony related to the proposed amendments; and

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

City Planning Commission Resolution No. 13868 (Continued)

WHEREAS, The Commission deems the proposed amendments to be appropriate and desires to adopt them as part of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission, before acting on the proposed Master Plan amendment, does hereby certify that it has reviewed, considered, and approved the information contained in the Certificate of Determination of Exemption/Exclusion from Environmental Review, under General Rule Exclusion (State Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission hereby ADOPTS an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, adding the followiing three sites (a-c) and deleting one lot (d) from the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan,"

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commission shall record the action taken in this Resolution on the adopted amendment and shall certify a copy thereof to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Charter.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Boomer, Fung, Levine, Lowenberg, Prowler,
Absent: Commissioner Martin

Commissioner Fung said he needed to know whether housing or open space was more important for this area and thought it should be included in the discussion of the South Bayshore Plan. Commission Secretary, Linda Avery, explained that the Planning Commission was scheduled to consider the South Bayshore Plan on 6/22/95.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's comments about acquiring the site at 16th and Dolores Street site, Mr. Arnold explained that there is not a commitment to purchase this particular site and there are insufficient funds to purchase this site or any other site. The Open Space Program will be banking funds for many years. The building demonstrates the type of location and site that is being sought for the relocation of the Sharon Arts Studio.

Commissioner Ruiz commended members of the Planning Commission for moving cautiously on the resolution for Bayview Hill property.

In response to Commissioner Fung's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the North Beach pool will be moved to the East side of the playground and there will be some loss of hard surface area that is now used for softball and other outside recreational activities.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Commissioner Lowenberg did not favor purchasing landlocked parcels and questioned the acquisition of the 15th Avenue site. She did not want to spend public funds on land that could not be developed, particularly when other programs and funds are being cut.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Planning Commission had not amended the open space element of the City's Master Plan to acquire these lots and that the sites were presented as proposals before the Open Space Program.

In response to Commissioner Lowenberg's comments, Mr. Arnold explained that the two large acquisitions that are under consideration are Hawk Hill and O'Shaughnessy Hollow and that money has been banked for these acquisitions. Once those sites are acquired, then there are some adjacent lots that are included in the Open Space Program for acquisition. Mr. Arnold explained that it would not be sound policy to detail the actual dollars set aside to acquire property.

Commissioner Rovetti discussed the $1 Million transfer from Urban Forestry and explained the Recreation and Park Commission heard from parents who cannot afford a $.25 increase to ride the carrousel and from seniors who cannot afford golf fees.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9505-82

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November, 1988, approved a new Charter Section 6.413 establishing the Park and Open Space Fund for a 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee recommend, and the Recreation and Park Commission annually adopt, a Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, to be updated annually; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission on November 17, 1994 adopted Resoution No. 17005 approving the Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, Fiscal Year 1995/96, and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 also requires that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission, meeting jointly; and

WHEREAS, In formulating the proposed program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee which were made after months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations and public hearings; and

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Recreation and Park Commission Resolution No. 9505-82 (Continued)

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document as determined by the City Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Environmental Review of the City Planning Department has found the submitted program to be categorically exempt from environmental review and has approved the proposed program; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on May 4, 1995, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, a program entitled, "General Manager's Report: San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1995/96"; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of the public hearing and discussion by the Commissions, it was agreed to adopt all of the recommendations found in the General Manager's Report including the Letter of Transmittal with the following exception: that the 4 acres of the Bayview Hill acquisition adjacent to Jamestown Avenue be deleted from consideration, but the acquisition of the remainder of the Bayview Hill parcels go forward, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the program, contained in the "General Manager's Report: San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1995/96" dated May 4, 1995, with the aforementioned exception.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Chan, Farrow

On motion of Commissioner Prowler, seconded by Commissioner Boomer, the following resolution was adopted by the City Planning Commission:

RES. NO. 13869

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to be supported by an annual Ad Valorem tax of two and one-half cents ($0.025) for each one hundred dollars ($100) assessed valuation, for a 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 specifies that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission meeting jointly; and

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

City Planning Commission Resolution No. 13869 (Continued)

WHEREAS, In formulating the 1995-1996 program, the sixth year of the program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee, which were made after several months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations, and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan was amended by CPC Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991, to add Policy 13, which states: "Preserve and protect significant Natural Areas," and includes criteria to determine whether a site constitutes a Significant Natural Resource Area worthy of protection and;

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Park and Open Space Program was determined by the San Francisco Department of City Planning (hereinafter "Department") to be categorically exempt from the environmental review process under a General Rule Exclusion, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission has reviewed and concurs with said determination; and

WHEREAS, The program responds to the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on May 4, 1995, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, the program entitled "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1995-1996," dated May 4, 1995; and

WHEREAS, The Acquisition and Development Section of the Program proposes funding for acquisition and development of a number of sites; and

WHEREAS, The following sites, proposed for acquisition as public open space, are not designated in the Recreation and Open Space Element as "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" or proposed for acquisition in other Master Plan policies:

(a) Brooks Park -adjacent property, acquisition of two privately owned lots, Assessor's Block 7075, Lots 32, 33; and
(b) A site in the Tenderloin proposed for acquisition as a Pre-School age children, AB 337, Lot 21, and the Recreation and Open Space Element does not designate the specific sites for acquisition, but does state: "Provide New Open Space in the General Vicinity;" and
(c) Replacement site for Sharon Arts Center, located 16th and Dolores Street, AB 3556, Lot 25;

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM 1995-1996 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

City Planning Commission Resolution No. 13869 (Continued)

WHEREAS, Acquisition of the three sites would: enlarge an existing park or public open space; create a new park in a "High Need Area," or replace an existing recreational facility located in another public park; and there is significant community support for the sites' acquisition for recreation and open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, At a public hearing on May 4, 1995, the City Planning Commission considered the program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, 1995-1996," at which time the Commission heard public testimony concerning the program; and

WHEREAS, At a public hearing on May 4, 1995, the City Planning Commission also considered Case No. 94.120M, a proposed amendment of the Recreation and Open Space Element, to add three sties and delete one lot from Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" under the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" and

WHEREAS, Prior to approving the Program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1995-96," the City Planning Commission acted on Case 95.120M, and approved Resolution No. 13868, amending Map 4 of the Recreation and Open Space Element, adding the sites (referenced above) proposed for acquisition to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby find the program contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1995-1996," to be in conformity with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, and in accord with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the Program, and adopt the budget for allocation and expenditure of the Program Fund, as recorded in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal year 1995-1996";

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if the Recreation and Park Department determines to proceed with acquisition of a "Natural Areas Banking Category" site which is not identified in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element, that the Recreation and Park Department is hereby required to submit specific locations and boundaries of the proposed acquisition sites to the City Planning Commission at the time acquisition is proposed, and to submit a report indicating how the Master Plan criteria are being met, at which time the City Planning Commission will consider finding the site in conformity with the Master Plan, and should conformity be verified, consider amendment of Map 4, to add the site to the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Boomer, Fung, Levine, Lowenberg, Prowler,
Absent: Commissioner Martin

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission. Members of the public may address the Commissions for up to three m minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Edith McMillan, alerted the Recreation and Park Commission to a possible hazard located at 43rd and Fulton Streets to John F. Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park. Over the last several years she has brought to the Commission's attention the hazardous condition existing on this street and urged that the street be widened. She reminded the Commission that it is liable for accidents happening in this particular area because cars cannot pass.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

704th REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Fourth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 18, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz (noted present at 2:15 p.m.)

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Absent: Commissioner Bella Farrow

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 1995, were approved as presented.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Ruiz

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant General Manager, Phil W. Arnold, presented the following report:

"*GENERAL MANAGER* Mary Burns is attending the annual spring conference of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance (an organization composed of the managers of the 44 largest urban park districts in the United States and Canada) this week in Portland, Oregon. The emphasis of the organization is problem solving and information sharing.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Mike Corvi, Gardener at Harding Park Golf Course, is being recognized for his consistent, excellent performance. Bob Killian, Golf Program Director, will make the presentation.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR ENHANCEMENTS (PRIDE) The Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution authorizing a study which will recommend specific assessments for specific types of property for the proposed park maintenance benefit assessment district (PRIDE). The study has begun. Staff is meeting with the consultants on a weekly basis. A draft of the study will be produced by the end of the month. The 45-day public notice period will begin in early June, and public hearings on the proposed assessments are tentatively scheduled for mid-July.

GRANT APPLICATION The Department is submitting an application for federal and state disaster financial assistance for damages related to the winter storms of 1995. Applications will be filed under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, the Natural Disaster Assistance Act for Late Winters Storms 1995 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

CAMP MATHER Reservations Update: On April 25, reservations for all cabins and tents reached 100% capacity; hundreds of applications were returned as a result. Most of the applicants requested to be placed on the Camp Mather waiting list, which has about 400 applicants on it. As vacancies occur applicants are called from the waiting list for the week they have chosen.

Work Crew: The work crew from the Structural Maintenance Division started the opening of Camp Mather on May 1. Projects to be completed include the installation of the telemetry system that will activate valves controlling the flow of water used in camp. The valves will be located on National Park Service Land where our source of water for Camp Mather is located. The water flow control system is designed to close the line to Camp Mather when our water tanks are full. When the valve is closed, water will be allowed to flow down its natural course, thus providing a more natural and water conserving system.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications will be made to Bathhouse B, bringing Camp Mather into greater compliance with ADA and also implementing some of the recommendations made in the Park Accessibility and Feasibility Study for Camp Mather prepared for the Recreation and Park Department by Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman, Inc.

During the opening of camp, the work crew will also make the necessary repairs throughout the camp as recommended by the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

The above noted items, as well as numerous repair projects involving routine maintenance, will be performed in preparation for the opening of Camp Mather on June 17, 1995.

Camp Staffing: Interviews for cooks, recreation directors and camp assistants have been completed and final selections are being made. A tremendous amount of outreach was done for the camp assistant positions. Over 100 high schools, colleges and minority organizations were contacted in the outreach effort.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ROAD CLOSURES - U.N. 50 CELEBRATION The Commission, at its meeting of April 20, 1995, approved specific road closures to take place for security reasons during a reception on Sunday, June 25, at the de Young Museum honoring dignitaries for the U.N. 50th Anniversary Week celebrations. Staff has just been informed that the date of this event has been changed to Saturday, June 24. The Department would like, with your concurrence, to administratively approve the same road closures for June 24.

BEACH CHALET On May 8, 1995, the Board of Supervisors approved the 20-year lease with Beach Chalet (L.P.) for the operation of a microbrewery and restaurant on the second floor of the Beach Chalet building.

ZOO NEWS

Zoo Fest: The 25th Annual Zoo Fest on April 28 had its largest attendance ever with over 600 guests. The event netted $130,000 for the Zoo.

Zoo Fest for Kids: Modeled on Zoo Fest, there will be a Zoo Fest for Kids on June 2 in the Lion House. Anticipated attendance is 1000 children and parents.

Stroller Derby: The Zoo held its First Annual Stroller Derby on May 6. There were over 450 entrants--an excellent attendance for a first-time event. Participants were encouraged to dress up the kids and decorate the stroller as their favorite animal to compete in a post-race costume contest. Proceeds from the event benefit the Zoo's wildlife conservation and education programs and important animal exhibit renovations.

Australian WalkAbout: This exhibit is in the final stages of construction, and animals will be moved in beginning the week of May 22. Species will be Emu, Gray Kangaroo, Walleroo, Parma Wallabies and Brush Turkeys. The exhibit will be open to the public on June 11.

Monkey Island Demolition: The contract for demolition of the Island has been awarded to Stronk and Gonsalves. Set up will begin the week of June 19, with actual demolition starting around June 24.

Eagle Chicks: Two eagle chicks have hatched. At six weeks of age they will be fostered to a wild nest on Catalina Island.

STRYBING ARBORETUM PLANT SALE The annual plant sale on May 5-6 brought in gross revenues of approximately $44,000--down about 20% from last year. The Society is looking into a redesign of the annual plant sale with an eye to more competitive marketing.

STERN GROVE SUMMER FESTIVAL The annual Recreation Division Summer Festival is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, at the meadow in Stern Grove. Summer program information and activity sign-ups will be available at this day long event, along with performances presented by children from recreation centers throughout the City. This event is traditionally our kickoff for summer activities, and this year will be one of our best. I encourage you to attend if at all possible.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

NATIONAL SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE CONFERENCE On April 20, 21 and 22, the California School Age Consortium (CSAC) held its national conference in San Francisco. The theme was the challenge of collaboration. Staff from the Recreation Division assisted in the planning and presentation of the conference. Over 3,000 people from throughout the country attended, and all staff did an excellent job of displaying our department in a most positive light. Twenty staff members attended various workshops and, by all accounts, the information gathered will be most helpful as we plan and conduct our program for youth.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS Day camp registration for 1995 has again seen an increase in sign-ups. To date, Silver Tree, all Creative Ventures and Pacific Art Camps are completely sold out. Only a few slots remain at Pine Lake. The fourth session of Sports Camp is virtually full. Space remains in the first three sessions for people who are not already signed up for one session. A waiting list has been created for people who would like to be in more than one session of Sports Camp. Again this year, we have reached this point faster than ever. It is very clear that the camps are serving a vital need to many parents and children in San Francisco.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 22, 1995	Employee Night at the de Young (Monet Exhibit); 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Monday, May 29, 1995	Memorial Day Holiday
Thursday, June 1, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, June 6, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, June 7, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Tuesday, June 13, 1995	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolutions were adopted:

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** — **RES. NO. 9505-83**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period March 3, 1995 through April 3, 1995.

b. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS** — **RES. NO. 9505-84**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

SOLD TO:
Metro Richmond Zoo
5624 Gilling Road
Richmond, VA 23234, USDA #52-C-028
One (1) male and one (1) unknown sex gray kangaroo joeys, valued at $750 each

DONATION TO:
The Lindsey Museum
1901 First Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94596, USDA #93-C-265U
One (1) female opossum

PURCHASED FROM:
Yesha Dyer
3484 West University
Odessa, Texas 79764
Two (2) male and Two (2) female African Hedgehogs, valued at $200 for the group

c. **ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SCIENCE CAMP YOUTH OVERNIGHT TRIPS** — **RES. NO. 9505-85**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following overnight trips for the Assisted Recreation Division:

❶The Science camp trip for twelve youth to Pepperwood Ranch, Santa Rosa, California from July 5-7, 1995.
❷The Science Camp overnight trip to the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, California for sixty youth, ages 10-14 years on August 25, 1995.

d. **MISSION RECREATION CENTER OVERNIGHT TRIP** — **RES. NO. 9505-86**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the overnight trip for Mission Recreation Center youth and teens to Magic Mountain, Santa Clarita, California on May 19-20, 1995.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

e. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9505-87**
OVERNIGHT TRIPS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following overnight trips for the Assisted Recreation Division:

❶Project Insight Overnight fundraiser "CYCLE FOR SIGHT" for ten blind teens, to Enchanted Hills Camp, Napa, CA on May 19-20, 1995.
❷Project Insight Summer Day Camp Trip to Camp Mather for deaf teens, June 20-24, 1995.
❸Project Insight Summer Day Camp Trip to Camp Mather for blind teens, August 22-26, 1995.
❹Project Insight Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC) Disability Awareness Training Rafting Trip to the American River near Placerville, May 13-14, 1995.

f. **TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER** **RES. NO. 9505-88**
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the river rafting trip with I.C.O. Sierra Club for fifteen teens to the South Fork of the American River on August 19-20, 1995.

g. **WASHINGTON SQUARE** **RES. NO. 9505-89**
NORTH BEACH FESTIVAL
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the multiple day event at Washington Square on June 16-18, 1995, for the 41st annual North Beach Festival.

h. **GOLDEN GATE PARK AND GREAT HIGHWAY** **RES. NO. 9505-90**
SAN FRANCISCO MARATHON
ROAD CLOSURES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway for the San Francisco Marathon on Sunday, July 9, 1995, from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

i. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9505-91**
AIDS WALK SAN FRANCISCO
ROAD CLOSURES AND PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park and the permit fee for the 9th Annual AIDS Walk San Francisco on Sunday, July 16, 1995, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

j. JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA — RES. NO. 9505-92
NIHONMACHI STREET FAIR
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two day event at the Japantown Peace Plaza and the two pond areas on August 5-6, 1995, for the 22nd Annual Nihonmachi Street Fair.

k. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND — RES. NO. 9505-93
SALE OF ALCOHOL

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission is opposed to the issuance of a liquor license of any kind to the operators of a business at 2499 Folsom Street which is located in very close proximity to the Jose Coronado Playground.

l. ALIOTO MINI PARK — RES. NO: 9505-94
PARK CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the park closure of Alioto Mini Park from dusk until 8:00 a.m.

m. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND SQUARE — RES. NO. 9505-95
SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE DESIGN GUIDELINES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the sustainable Landscape Design Guidelines for Neighborhood Parks and Squares.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Ruiz

2:15 p.m. Commissioner Ruiz arrived at the meeting.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING CENTER (HANC)
RENEWAL OF PERMIT

Consideration to grant the option year of the existing permit to operate the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Recycling Center (HANC) at Kezar Triangle in Golden Gate Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that in the Fall of 1994 HANC was granted a one year permit retroactive to July 1, 1994, to operate the recycling center at Kezar corner with a one year option. HANC has requested the one year extension. The current permit stipulates 22 conditions which relate to cleanliness, removal of advertising from the center, reduction of noise, seeking alternate sites, and to not import recyclable materials from outside of the immediate neighborhood.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
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RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

In staff's opinion, HANC has substantially met all of the conditions of the current permit and was therefore prepared to recommend that the option period be granted. However, staff was also of the opinion that the center should not remain beyond the one year option period in its current form as it is an industrial activity on park property. The center now recycles paper, bottles and newspapers from McLaren Lodge, the McLaren annex, and the County Fair Building. They service recycle bins throughout Golden Gate Park and recycle major events in the park. All these services are park-related activities and staff supports these services. It is advantageous to have a recycling center in the vicinity of Golden Gate Park because it dissuades people from dumping recyclable material in the park. To that end, staff has prepared a plan of operation for HANC if it is to continue as a recycling center. Staff has yet to review the plan of operation with HANC and will discuss it with them over the next 4-6 months. Staff has expanded the plan of operation so that the center will not just recycle cans, bottles and cardboard. Some ideas staff has proposed are:

- the center will become more of a volunteer activity center;
- a larger education component will be added to the center;
- an expansion of the native plant area on the western side of the center;
- an expansion of the information center to give more information about park activities, the Department's volunteer opportunities and upcoming events;
- termination of the use of the center as a transfer station;
- curtailment of some hours and days of operation as the center currently is open 7 days a week from 9 to 4;
- dedicated effort to relocate the recycling center off of park property.

Mr. Arnold explained there are other non-conforming uses in the park such as the park police station and a sewage treatment plant. Although staff urges HANC to find an alternate site, it is not optimistic that another site will be found.

A public meeting was held on 4/24/95 with 50-75 people in attendance. At that time HANC provided a list of clients that use the center and there are a number of clients outside of the Haight and Inner Sunset area, which is the base neighborhood operation for the recycling center. HANC has clients all over the City and staff felt that those clients should be serviced by other neighborhood recycling centers. However, there is pressure on other neighborhood recycling centers to close down and staff does not want HANC to be the only recycling center in the City.

If there was not movement toward the goals outlined above, staff was on record that it would not recommend a similar permit in future years. Staff has been having discussions with HANC and they were positive in nature.

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RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Robert Haley, Recycling Coordinator for the Chief Administrative Officer, explained that his office was sensitive to this issue and was striving for compromise. The City needs to focus on recycling issues and cannot consider reducing its recycling efforts. The City must meet a goal to recycle 50% of its waste by the year 2000. To reach this goal, more programs are needed and there are approximately 75,000 residents who are currently not served by curbside recycling. Recycling centers need to be in the neighborhood so they are convenient to people. He wanted to work actively with the community and the Recreation and Park Department to find a resolution to the issues raised. In the interim, he urged that the one year option be granted.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that increase in the permit fee to occupy the Kezar site is based on the Consumer Price Index. Commissioner Ruiz said that former Commissioner Mazzola raised the issue of the fair market value of the land. Mr. Arnold explained that the permit fee was not intended to reflect the fair market value of the land. The Charter requires the Department to use the park land for recreational purposes and its current use is marginally recreational. Mr. Arnold further stated that he believed that one could argue if that there is substantial volunteer, education, and demonstration activities on park land, the center would be considered more park serving.

Commissioner Chan said that the Commission minutes of 9/22/94 reflect that staff wanted to discuss relocation plans with the center and asked if those discussions occurred. Mr. Arnold said he was only aware of possible sites that are outside of the neighborhood. Staff did not actively seek alternative locations but urged HANC to do so.

Commissioner Rovetti said the Commission reviewed this issue in September and although he was not against recycling, he did expect to see some effort from HANC to find an alternate location. In his mind, that effort had not been made. HANC uses park land for less than $400 a month and since the center is located in a residential area, next to the renovated Kezar Stadium, he felt they should find another location. He wanted to see HANC in a different location in one year.

Kevin Drew, Manager of the HANC Recycling Center, explained that he did make a report to the Commission on its efforts to relocate. HANC has contacted 2 real estate firms, Davis Realty and John Barry Realty, to look for other sites, although no sites have been found in the immediate neighborhood. They were aware of sites on Port property and there is some space available through the San Francisco Community Recyclers.

Commissioner Rovetti said because of the minimal rent, it is advantageous for HANC to not find another site. He further stated that even though HANC is a non-profit organization many people make money from the recycling center,

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RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Paul Mackel, explained he has been recycling at the HANC Center for 12 years and volunteers at the center. He supported the recycling center and thought it important for the Commission to understand how much Golden Gate Park benefits from the presence of the recycling center. At least once a week he removes bottles and cans from other neighborhood parks and brings them to the HANC recycling center.

Nathan Ratner, explained that the City's Commission on the Environment, passed a resolution to retain the recycling center at Golden Gate Park for a period of 3 years in order to give ample time to re-evaluate the City's recycling program. The site of the HANC center was originally used as a parking lot for press at Kezar Stadium which was a non-conforming use of park land and the San Francisco Police Department has a police station in the park which is also a non-conforming use. He commented that the City must emphasize the need to recycle 50% of the garbage by 2000. If the center is eliminated, people will be forced to use landfill. He felt the center should continue.

Brian Russell, explained that the neighborhood needs the recycling center at its present location and that there are no other places for it to be. If Recreation and Park wants them to move, or give them conditions, then the Department should actively be involved in looking for a site in the area. He urged the Commission to keep the center at its present location.

McCrae Parker, representing the San Francisco Conservation Corps, strongly supported the HANC recycling center and explained that the Corps's primary mission is to find opportunities for young people, to empower themselves through leadership, job readiness, while serving the community. The Corps seeks to instill a sense of environmental ethics which it achieves through partnerships with organizations such as the HANC recycling center. HANC serves as an education center, providing technical training and employment opportunities for the Corps' youth master program that serves 12-14 year old children. The physical location in Golden Gate Park demonstrates conservation and open space preservation.

Teresa Welborn, a resident of the Haight Ashbury, supported the HANC recycling center and thought the value of the center on Golden Gate Park should be considered. She understood that the recycling center was approved as part of the Kezar Master Plan after considerable community input. She said that the recycling center serves the community and Golden Gate Park.

Clayton Mansfield, representing the Sierra Club, generally opposed commercial activities that detract from the park environment, but strongly supported the HANC recycling center because it was beneficial to the Department and to the community. He was sensitive to the concerns of the Department and neighborhood but felt there was a perception that curbside recycling solves society's over consumption of resources. He said that recycling is messy, noisy, disruptive, and cannot be isolated from the society. He felt there was value in the center being somewhat incompatible with a park environment and burdensome to the neighborhood. He questioned the suggestion to place the center in an industrial location since the City's refuse service is adjacent to another residential neighborhood.

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RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Michael Hillser, explained he has chosen not to use an automobile because he liked to breathe and preferred to teach people by example. He lived on a hill and did not want to recycle where it was convenient for businesses. He felt that neighborhood recycling should be encouraged.

Carole Glossenger, said she has lived in the neighborhood for many years, and believed that the HANC recycling center should move and not be granted another one year option. Someone should facilitate finding a location that is not in use right now. She said HANC belongs in an industrial site where it can operate and handle materials and did not think there should be an attempt to find another site in a residential neighborhood. She said HANC should be encouraged to move and the site could be used for park land and/or a recreational use.

Dennis Antenore, speaking on behalf of the Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK), said the Committee discussed this issue and voted 6 to 1 to support the Department's recommendation. He believed that discussions should take place between the Center and the Department. He was very sympathetic to the opposing position but felt strongly that it is not an inappropriate place for the proper type of a recycling center. SPEAK has supported the location of the HANC recycling center for many years and hoped the Commission would also lend its support. People bring waste into the neighborhood and must find an efficient way to get it out of the neighborhood that does not require the use of landfill.

Charles Canepa, explained he submitted a letter asking the Commission to take substantial steps to reduce the size of the facility and stop the trucking of recycling products into the facility. While everyone understood the need for a neighborhood recycling center, HANC's operation is significantly more, with 20,000 square feet of space. He hoped the Commission would place significant restrictions on the operation and not postpone taking action. The center began as a small neighborhood recycling center and it has evolved into an industrial use which he felt was unfair. He thought HANC should move some of its operation and did not think there was a need to offer a drive-through facility in Golden Gate Park. He urged the Commission to place some restrictions on the center.

Margaret Vorhees, a resident of the Haight for over 20 years, has been recycling at the center as long as it has been open because she supports it as a community activity. She said that HANC was important for the money it raises, for the people it supports, and wanted it to continue as a neighborhood activity. She felt it was important that it remain at its present site and did not think anyone should look down on the fact that there are people who are not dressed well at the center.

Martha Hoffman, a homeowner near the recycling center who has lived in the neighborhood since 1979, felt it was one of the community's greatest assets. The 3 unit building where she lives does not offer curbside recycling and most of her items are given to HANC. HANC is an outstanding resource to the community and she was pleased to support it.

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RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Alex Carlin, said that there is a vicious roll back of environmental protections and a general attack on environmental issues. Although technically the center may be outside of the set criteria, everyone must realize that we are in a crisis stage. He felt that everyone should be concerned about the environment and that it should be given serious weight. He was offended by Commissioner Rovetti's comment that HANC was a profit making business.

Terry Rolleri, a homeowner in the Richmond District, was aware of the new assessment for the City's parks and felt that if he was going to be taxed more, the Department should save money wherever possible. He said that it is well documented that the HANC recycling center saves money.

Ed Murray, said the HANC recycling center was a non-conforming use in the park. He said HANC is an industrial transfer station, controls 4 sites and trucks in material. He did not think the park should be used this way. HANC receives grants of $250,000 from the Chief Administrative Officer and none of the other neighborhood recycling centers receive such allocations. He reviewed the letters received regarding this issue and 26 were in favor and 17 were opposed; all of those opposed lived in the neighborhood.

Lena Emmery, distributed pictures of the center and said she has lived in the neighborhood for more than 30 years and thought it was time that it move. The park is a living, changing, organic entity and as such it is always evolving. When the HANC recycling center began it was next to an abandoned stadium and condemned school. The stadium has since been rebuilt and there is housing across the street. She felt it was time that the site be returned to park land and that HANC be in a proper site so it can run an efficient operation. She said that although HANC has been in the park for years, their efforts to encourage recycling in the park has been minimal, and this effort only began last year. She hoped the Commission would do the right thing and not support the continuation of the center in the park.

Nan Hohenstein, could not understand why the center was now perceived as a pariah to the Department after 15 years of being an acceptable, conforming use in the park. If there was a problem, she suggested that the Department consider sub-leasing that section of the park back to the City so that the Chief Administrative Officer's Recycling Program can fulfill its commitment to meet the State of California mandated goal for recycling. She said that Mr. Arnold's attempt to mitigate the impact and mediate between the two opposing sides was commendable, but felt he was asking the center to stop being a recycling center.

Oscar Frick, M.D., a neighbor and physician who works at the University of California at San Francisco, said he has lived on Parnassus for 30 years and has been recycling at HANC ever since it opened. He supported the center and its enterprises. He further explained that he jogs at Stow Lake and picks up trash and recyclable material that he brings to the HANC recycling center. He did not know how much the University recycles but thought it minimal, and offered to work with them to increase their recycling effort at the HANC center.

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RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Kevin Drew, Manager of the HANC Recycling Center, thanked the Commission for considering this issue many times through the years and said just 8 months ago the Commission approved a one year permit. At that time, a statement was made that the center trucked in material from the Oakland Airport and he clarified the fact that the center does not do this. He explained that recycling does not exist uniformly and businesses, homeowners and apartment dwellers do not have the same options so that the recycling center becomes one of the only options available to them. The recycling center has always been an important resource conservation destination in the City since it first began to the present. Just as people visit the park from all over the City, people from all over use the center.

Mr. Drew said he has tried to mitigate the impact of the material when it arrives at the Center and has worked very hard with people who have had specific complaints. He noted that there are some inconsistencies with policy because Department trucks from all over the City come in and out of the Corporation Yard, located in Golden Gate Park and the Yard serves Candlestick Park and other parks throughout the City. The trucking portion of his operation has declined to 20% of its operation and continues to decline. He noted that over 50 MUNI buses pass Frederick Street each day and Kezar Drive is a transit corridor for the City so that the area surrounding the center is quite busy. There is an overwhelming support for the recycling center at Parkview Commons and substantial support from neighbors. The center has been looking for another location. He was aware of space on Port property but explained that relocating there did not present a solution for the neighborhood. He said having a recycling center in the neighborhood is a good thing.

Mr. Drew finally commented that the pre-existing Master Plan for Kezar included the recycling center as a conforming use and that a provision in the Charter states that services that cannot be provided elsewhere are allowed in a park setting, even if it is non conforming use, because there is an overwhelming public interest. The center provides service to the park and compliments the City's recycling needs.

Commissioner Rovetti said the center violates the City Charter because it prohibits the use of park land for anything other than recreational purposes. If HANC wanted to amend the Charter it should do so but he thought it necessary to abide by the law. He was present to protect the interests of the City.

Jane Norre, of Richmond Environmental Action (REA), said that REA operates the site at the University of San Francisco (USF) and has been informed that they must leave that site at the end of the year because the school has development plans. USF is private property and they have been gracious hosts for over 20 years. She did not view the small parcel used by HANC as park land and said it was not a meadow, or something that needed to be preserved. She thought the Commission should give the land to another City agency who would be well versed in managing it. The recycling center is very compatible with the City's solid waste program and the larger needs of San Francisco.

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RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Calvin Welch, representing the 409 House, said the supporters of the HANC recycling center have had difficulty in trying address the myriad of concerns that come from staff, commission members and fellow neighbors. At times there are issues relating to revenue, noise, number of vehicles, reduction of tonnage and the target keeps changing. Now, at Recreation and Park's request, they are increasing recycling in Golden Gate Park. The center has tried to mitigate every aspect possible without leaving the site, has increased recycling in the park, engaged a professional real estate person, and sought other locations outside of the neighborhood. The center is trying to address all of these concerns in a responsive manner and to continue the job it started 20 years ago, to manage the neighborhood's recycling needs. He felt the site was an appropriate location, and a totally appropriate use and hoped the Commission would embrace the staff recommendation. He said the center would continue the dialogue, try to mitigate issues and be responsible tenants to Golden Gate Park. He felt that Golden Gate Park was enhanced by the presence of the recycling center and said there is overwhelming support for this activity in the park.

Donna Gouse, representing HANC, said an urban area like San Francisco needs more neighborhood recycling centers rather than less. While curbside could be sufficient, a densely populated area like the Haight needs a neighborhood recycling center to compliment curbside recycling. People need to be able to walk or go to the center that is near to where they live. Many people move to urban areas in order to be close to a variety of different resources, including recycling. The staff of the recycling center has worked hard to address neighborhood concerns and issues. She urged the Commission to approve the recommendation that the center remain at its current location.

Michele Davis, said each neighborhood desperately needs its own recycling center and there are so few of them in the City. She felt that the location of the center in the park is an appropriate use of public land because it is a public problem. She brings her son to the center so he understands the recycling program and felt that everyone need to be taught about this issue.

Ed Dunn, Operations Manager of the HANC Recycling Center, explained that the Open Space element of the Charter says the recycling center is a public service and is allowable in the park. The recycling center will be working on the annual Bay to Breakers race which will generate over 200,000 plastic bottles in Golden Gate Park. It will also work on the upcoming Pearl Jam concert which will draw 50,000 people to the park. They will be doing special events in the park all through the summer season and through the year they service the park recycling containers. There are 20 containers in place now and he hoped to add 30 more by the end of the year. The center services McLaren Lodge, its annex and the County Fair Building. He explained that the HANC recycling center wanted to be a partner with the park and save the Department money.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING CENTER (HANC)
RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Bill Ruck, a resident of the Parkside Richmond Sunset, said everyone needs to recycle and it must be convenient. A neighborhood recycling center is necessary so recycled material is not thrown away. There is a need for more neighborhood recycling centers rather than less. He felt it important that HANC be allowed to continue. Even though there was a minority of people who felt the center was bad he asked if it was any worse than the large semi trucks that enter and exit a large shopping center such as Lucky or Safeway. He did not think the recycling center was any more industrial than a grocery store. He said it was important to have the center and urged the Commission to approve the continuation of it.

Joan Downey, has lived one block from the recycling center for the past 20 years and wanted to separate the concept of a neighborhood drop off center and the trucking aspect of the operation. HANC services 400 different residents and businesses 7 days a week. and they bring the recycled materials from all over the City into the Haight neighborhood. She suggested, as a compromise, that the drop off neighborhood center remain until another site can be found and that other items that are picked up by the center be transported to an industrial area. She then suggested some changes to the operation plan prepared by staff and said a neighborhood committee can be formed to help them find another site. As soon as another site is found she wanted HANC to stop its trucking operation. She felt that HANC should make its pick ups at the Department facilities every day or every week. She wanted the center to be encouraged to move some place else.

Eileen Corder, lives in the Haight, and uses the center. She said there are things that she cannot recycle through the curbside program. As a mother, she is teaching her daughter to recycle and considers it a form of recreation. She felt it absurd to say recycling is not a valid park use. She explained that she lived in the area because of Golden Gate Park and found Kezar Stadium to be very beautiful but felt the HANC recycling center was equally beautiful to her from its aesthetic value. She felt the recycling center was positive for the community and did not see a conflict.

David Grace, explained that Commissioner Rovetti had been passing a note to other members of the Commission and he felt it was a possible violation of the spirit of the Brown Act, open meeting law, and urged that the content of the note be disclosed. Commissioner Rovetti complied with this request and read the note which stated, *"The Master Plan addresses the use of open space. It may say that can't be used but it is in conflict with the City Charter and the City Charter supersedes that."* Mr. Grace said recycling is non-existent for a number of cities and that San Francisco is very educated and people understand the logic of recycling and its necessity. He said we are in a society where there is a discrepancy between maturity and technology in that there is the maturity to create wonderful things but the lack of maturity to dispose of it properly. The very discussion that this City would consider closing the recycling center shows the extent of society's immaturity. He said the recycling center encouraged growth in the neighborhood and the revenues derived from the center create income to the senior citizens and low income people.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING CENTER (HANC)
RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Carmen White, representing the Green Party, lives in the Haight Ashbury, and felt if the meeting had been held in the evening rather than the afternoon, more people would be present to voice their support of the center. She said recycling centers contribute to the reduction of waste that goes to landfill and are necessary. She felt the recycling center belonged in the park just as much as the Park Police Station belonged in the park. She looked for the day when every neighborhood had a recycling center and felt it was essential that the center remain in the neighborhood so people would use it. She commented that the area has always been used as a utility area and needs to continue in that vein.

Greg Gaar, Grants Coordinator, for HANC, explained that 8 years ago, before a curbside program was in place, he began the recycling center and went around the area with a shopping cart, climbing into garbage bins, going to the bars, restaurants, and bringing the material back to the center. The recycling center is the community chest for the neighborhood and is a place where people come together. He said it is a recreational activity in Golden Gate Park. Over the last 7-8 years the center has given over $80,000 in grants from profits made at the recycling center and many of those grants go directly to Recreation and Park activities such as the park tree planting program, the Panhandle children's playground, habitat restoration at many open space areas, and the cooperative nursery school located on park property. He asked the Commission to keep the HANC recycling center in the Haight community.

David Ferguson, a native San Franciscan, supported keeping the center open and explained that he moved into the area when he attended USF before the center was open. He was happy when the recycling center began and viewed it as a recreational and community-oriented activity. He supported the recycling center and said it was important to keep the recycling center at its present location. He felt it important to make things better by placing lids on containers at the center. He noted that the center existed before the housing came in and the majority of the people support its presence. He now lives near Ocean Beach and on occasion brings material to the HANC recycling center. He was bothered by individuals who steal items from curbside bins rather than the HANC recycling center. He said that closing all of the recycling centers at once will only hurt the City.

Rudolph Cannon, felt the recycling center should remain open because it serves so many people and is a source of employment for him. He is handicapped but not to the degree where he cannot help the community. He picks up bottles and cans to make sure the streets are clean. He did not make much money but it is something to do and helps the community, and the City. Recyclers are trying to make sure the City is clean and felt Recreation and Park should appreciate their efforts. He asked the Commission to not shut down the HANC recycling center because it is a benefit to the community.

Lettie Lupis, explained that she moved to San Francisco from Seattle in 1991 and was shocked when she found herself living a block away from a recycling center on the edge of Golden Gate Park. She felt that the recycling center in its present location was inappropriate and that it needed to be in an industrial area rather than a residential area or the edge of the park.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING CENTER (HANC)
RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Trish Chapman, a resident of the Haight for over 7 years, felt the recycling center was a valuable service to the neighborhood and to the park. As someone who uses the park on a daily basis she felt it was an outstanding use of the lot.

Brad Benson, representing the S.F. League of Conservation Voters, explained that the City is dealing with State mandates to reduce the amount of material that it sends to landfill by 50% by the year 2000. Five years has passed since the law was adopted and the City needs to be creating more recycling opportunities rather than reducing them. Some of the recycling centers are in jeopardy in the City and they need to be supported and expanded throughout the neighborhoods. The idea that HANC is a non conforming use needs to be addressed but it provides a lot of park maintenance functions by keeping the Kezar corner clean, recycling for special events in the park, offering recycling service to McLaren Lodge and other Department facilities. He said that the center should be viewed like any other park maintenance function and be considered a conforming use.

John Lavelle, a resident of the Inner Sunset for 7 years, said there is a need for more recycling centers rather than less so that the City can reach the State imposed mandates of the amount of garbage that is sent to landfill. The site of the recycling center has never been used for park activities and the solid waste situation is at a crisis stage. Recycling saves money, serves the City and reduces the amount of material that is sent to a landfill. He thought the Commission was is in a position to be a leader in urban environmental management while assisting the City of San Francisco. He said there was a need for all City agencies to work together.

Doerte Murray, explained that she was opposed to the recycling center on park land and heard that there is legislation pending that would freeze non-profit recycling centers at their present locations. She said that HANC has political clout and that the Commission needed to find ways to raise money for Recreation and Park.

Commissioner Quaranta said he went to see the recycling center and, as the newest commissioner, would concur with the staff recommendation. He did want to see some restrictions imposed on the center.

Commissioner Chan said that at the 9/22/94 meeting he proposed that the Commission give HANC a two year period from June 1994 to June 1996. He said that nobody disagrees that recycling is a good thing but the Commission is debating the merits of using park land.

Commissioner Rovetti reminded the Commission that park land should be for recreational purposes and he felt recycling did not fit within that definition. He found it difficult to bend the intent of the City Charter and say recycling is a conforming use. However, he was willing to fulfill his commitment from last year to extend the permit to June 30, 1996 provided that HANC worked with staff and complied with all of the 21 conditions.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING CENTER (HANC)
RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Commissioner Chan noted that in recent years, the Commission asked Goodwill Industries to remove its goodwill bin from the Marina as it was an inappropriate use of park land and prohibited the use of the Panhandle as a parking lot for nearby church attendees. He said to now state that recycling was conforming would in inconsistent.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question as to whether the HANC recycling center was a conforming use, Mr. Arnold explained that the preamble to the current permit states the center is a non conforming use. Further, the draft Master Plan for Golden Gate Park which is currently going through environmental review, calls the center a non-conforming use. However, the Kezar Master Plan identifies the recycling center at its present site. If the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is adopted in its current form it would take the place of the Kezar Master Plan. The City Charter says that the Recreation and Park Department is allowed to lease park land for recreational serving activities. The reason staff is proposing so many changes is to make the center more park serving.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's questions, Mr. Drew explained that HANC made approximately $400,000 in gross revenues in the last fiscal year and its expenses were approximately $320,000. Mr. Drew said that roughly 30% of its transactions are considered commercial.

Commissioner Ruiz felt there were issues pertaining to revenue and non-conforming use. He was aware of a group who wanted to use a park in the Hunters Point area for 36 Sundays and the fee was $1,400. They could not afford the fee structure. And yet, the request before the Commission is to extend a permit for a business to operate with a minimal $360 fee per month. He fully recognized the need to recycle in the City and supported HANC remaining in the park but wanted consideration to be given to increase their monthly rent. He supported staff's recommendation with the condition that its monthly fee be reviewed.

President Immendorf said that HANC has not discussed all of the specific conditions with staff and suggested that the Commission approve the one year option conditionally so that staff and can meet with HANC on these 21 conditions.

Mr. Arnold explained, as an example, that one of the 21 conditions state that HANC will not begin operating before 12:00 Noon on Sundays. The objective of this condition was to reduce the hours of operation but the day and time selected by staff was arbitrary and he wanted the opportunity to discuss the specifics of the 21 conditions with HANC. He felt that staff needed to be given some flexibility in their discussions with HANC.

Mr. Arnold further explained that over the past year HANC has provided a service to the Department for which they do not receive any compensation. He believed that the benefit to the Department is at least $25,000 annually.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD RECYCLING CENTER (HANC)
RENEWAL OF PERMIT (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz felt it was important to fully document the services HANC provides to the Department.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said that HANC has served the community very well and that everyone realized the importance of recycling. However, she concurred with the staff recommendation to spell out conditions and some of the speaker's comments that HANC reduce some of its activities.

Commissioner Rovetti clarified the point that he was not against recycling but felt that the center needed to conform with the City Charter. He was aware that the center was a great service to the community but the question was whether it was legal for HANC to be in Golden Gate Park. He wanted to see efforts from HANC that they are trying to find an alternate location and felt they should relocate in one year.

President Immendorf asked the Commission to consider the one year option with the 21 conditions outlined by staff. Staff can report to the Commission in four months on the status of these conditions.

Commissioner Chan wanted to grant the option year through June 30, 1996 provided that the Commission received quarterly updates on the status of the center, notice if there are any violations of the conditions, and, if there are gross violations, the Commission has the right to terminate the lease.

Commissioner Mc-Ardle-Solomon wanted to give staff some latitude in finalizing the conditions.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9505-96

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants the option year of the existing permit to operate the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Recycling Center (HANC) at Kezar Triangle in Golden Gate Park, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff will present a report to the Finance and Candlestick Committee at its July meeting on the status of the permit and the 21 conditions developed by staff.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
OPERATING BUDGET

Acceptance of the 1995-1996 operating budget for the San Francisco Zoological Society.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that this item asks the Commission to accept the budget in accordance with the Zoo lease management agreement. The Joint Zoo Committee has reviewed the document. The Zoo is anticipating that its income will increase $1,300,000 based upon a 10% increase in attendance. The Zoo also anticipates that it will operate in a deficit in the next fiscal year of $770,000 versus $1,100,000 in the prior fiscal year. The Zoo is trying to increase attendance figures. The budget is predicated on receiving the City's $4 million management fee. in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Zoological Society has pledged to raise an additional $8 to $25 Million. Mr. Anderson explained that detailed figures and documentation were contained in the Commission's supporting documentation on this issue. He recommended that the Commission accept the operating budget.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question regarding the $4 Million management fee, Mr. Arnold said the $4 Million is not currently in the Mayor's budget.

On recommendation on Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mc-Ardle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9505-97

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the 1995-1996 operating budget for the San Francisco Zoological Society.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Approval of the 1995-96 Capital Improvement Budget for San Francisco Zoological Society.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the Zoo is working on the Phase I construction and in the past year it completed the Feline Conservation Center, and the otter renovation. The Australian walkabout will be completed in the next month. In the upcoming year the Zoo will begin construction on the South American Gateway and begin renovation to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and other Zoo wide improvements. The source of funds is from the Zoo 2000 Master Plan raised through the Zoological Society's capital campaign. All of these capital improvement items will be gifts in place to the City.

On recommendation on Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

RES. NO. 9505-98

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1995-96 Capital Improvement Budget for San Francisco Zoological Society.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

8. **PERMIT AND RESERVATION POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review of the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required under Park Code Section 7.03, Resolution No. 16907.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that Commission policy requires the 6 month review of the Permit and Reservation Policy. He outlined the proposed changes'

- Delete item wording in subsection 16, page 9, relating to the required number of restrooms for large events. This wording is contrary to subsequent language in this section and should be removed.
- Add the month of October to the list of available months for large events as the Polo Field in Section (H) subsection (1), page 22. This language was unintentionally deleted in the last review.
- Marina Green. Staff proposed that any event request for Marina Green with an anticipated attendance of 5,000 or more per day be reviewed and approved by the full Commission prior to the issuance of permit. Events of less than 5,000 per day may be administratively approved by staff if no modification of the existing permit policy is requested.

Mr. Robinson further explained that at the Committee level there was some discussion regarding Commission approval of multiple day events that have no history of problems. There are many multiple day events and he suggested that staff be given the authority to administratively approve multiple days events which have occurred without incident. Mr. Robinson said that staff carefully reviews all of the terms of multiple day events and ensures that the amplified sound issues are being followed. Those events which have created problems will be calendared before the Commission and any first time request requires Commission approval.

After much discussion the Commission agreed to the revision that staff may administratively approve multiple day events that have occurred in the past without incident or problem.

On recommendation on Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

8. PERMIT AND RESERVATION POLICY
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued) **RES. NO. 9505-99**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following amendments to the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required under Park Code Section 7.03:

- Delete wording relating to the required number of restrooms for large events
- Add the month of October to the list of available months for large events at the Polo Field.
- Marina Green. Any event request for Marina Green with an anticipated attendance of 5,000 or more per day be reviewed and approved by the full Commission prior to the issuance of permit. Events of less than 5,000 per day may. be administratively approved by staff if no modification of the existing permit policy is requested.
- Staff may administratively approve multiple day events that have occurred in the past without incident or problem.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT AND STANYAN STREETS
9TH AVENUE AND LINCOLN WAY
ENTRY WAY REHABILITATION

Approval of conceptual plan for entry way rehabilitation at Haight and Stanyan Street entrance and 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way entrance in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that rehabilitaion of the entry ways to the park are part of the Golden Gate Park Infrastructure bond program. The improvements are somewhat cosmetic and focus primarily on providing disabled access. She described the configuration and modifications to the Haight and Stanyan pathway which will provide a better vista through the tunnel. The 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way entrance will be modified slightly and will provide a gathering area. The area is now very crowded. Four parking spaces will be removed but this will not take place until the environmental review process is completed. This item was reviewed by the Parks and Planning Committee and she recommended approval of the items.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9505-100

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves conceptual plan for entry way rehabilitation at Haight and Stanyan Street entrance and 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way entrance to Golden Gate Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

10. **HOWARD-LANGTON MINI PARK**
COMMUNITY GARDEN PLAN

Approval of community garden plan at Howard-Langton Mini Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained the Howard Langton Park has been closed for some time and after several meetings with the neighbors, it was agreed that a community garden would be developed on the site. Staff is working on the Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) and the plan will be a simple garden plan. The Parks and Planning Committee considered this item and recommended approval.

On recommendation on Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9505-101

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves community garden plan at Howard-Langton Mini Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

11. **PORTOLA RECREATION CENTER**
PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

Approval of playground renovation at Portola Recreation Center.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a simple modification of an existing playground site. The play equipment is not safe and does not meet the current status for disabled access or safety standards as required by the American Safety Board. New play equipment, bucket swings and safety surfacing will be placed at the playground. Staff has also identified a new pathway that will provide disabled access. If funds will allow, relocation of the bench seating area will also be included. Two meetings were held with the community who support the plan. Ms. Learner recommended approval of this item.

On recommendation on Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9505-102

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the playground renovation at Portola Recreation Center.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

12. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM
REVISION OF EXISTING PROGRAM

Ratification of a revised Infection Control Program to supersede the October 1990 Program.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is primarily to inform the Commission of the fact that the Department has an Infection Control Program that establishes procedures for dealing with infectious body fluids and other infectious human or animal waste that employees come into contact with on a regular basis. Staff recommended approval of minor amendments to the program. Under this program, over 800 employees have been vaccinated against Hepatitis B. The Recreation and Park Department is one of the leaders in the City in training its employees for the hazards they now meet in the work place.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9505-103

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the revised Infection Control Program to supersede the October 1990 Program.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

13. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL
HOURS OF OPERATION

Approval of restructuring the hours of operation for the Carrousel at Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park as identified below:

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this issue was considered before the Finance and Candlestick Committee. The concessionaire who sells the tickets to the Carrousel suggested that the Carrousel be opened on Fridays during the winter. The basic purpose for the revision is to give more hours of operation during the summer when the Carrousel is busy and less hours during the winter months. He outlined the hours and days of operation for the Commission and recommended approval:

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

13. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL
HOURS OF OPERATION (Continued) **RES. NO. 9505-104**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves restructuring the hours of operation for the Carrousel at Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park as identified below:

	CURRENT	APPROVED
WINTER dates	10/1 through 5/31	Day after Labor Day through Day before Memorial Day
WINTER hours	10:00 am to 4:30 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sat, Sun, closed Mon., Tues., Wed	10:00 am to 4:30 p.m. Fri., Sat and Sun, closed Mon. through Thurs.
SUMMER dates	6/1 though 9/30	Memorial Day through Labor Day
SUMMER hours	10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Mon. through Sun	10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. Mon. through Sun
Winter Holidays (open)	day after Thanksgiving	Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, day after Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day and Memorial Day

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emeric Kalman discussed the loss of revenue at the Marina Yacht Harbor and said the Marina Manager's report does not state the number of empty berths. He wanted staff to find a solution to rent the empty berths. He also asked when the last management audit had been conducted for Recreation and Park in light of the landscape and lighting district assessment legislation that was recently introduced. He kept hearing that there is a need for more money yet nothing is forthcoming about the Department's financial picture.

Betty Silverman protested that the special meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission regarding the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables had been canceled again and urged the Commission to not postpone the meeting. She said it has been 2-1/2 years since this issue was first raised. Since February, the public has been waiting for this issue to be resolved. She was angry that the matter was being postponed again and again. She has attended every stables' boarders meeting, bicycle meeting, Golden Gate Park bond meeting, etc., and felt that inadequate public notice was being given on this matter. She felt that at least 2 weeks notice should be given and suggested that the matter be calendared at the Commission's June meeting.

President Immendorf said he would consider the fact that it may be inadequate notice but explained that the plan was to change the date from 5/25/95 to 5/30/95 so that it would not be delayed any longer.

Commissioner Ruiz agreed that the issue of the Golden Gate Park Stables should be calendared at the regular monthly meeting of the Commission. He felt that giving the public 6 days' notice of the changed date was inadequate. He urged that the meeting be rescheduled to the June regular meeting (6/15/95). Commissioner Chan concurred with this sentiment. The Commission asked staff if the agenda for June was light and agreed to schedule the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables at that time.

15. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

16. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Vice President Chan explained that the matter relating to canceling the Golden Gate Park Stables raised an issue because there were 4 commissioners who felt for different reasons that the special meeting should not be postponed. Commissioner Chan felt that the issue had been delayed for so long and the longer it was delayed the public's perception would be that the Commission could not make a decision.

The City Attorney issued an opinion that was very clear that the President has the authority to set the agenda and cancel meetings but that the majority of the commissioners can overrule. However, to show the public that it is one body, he wanted to defer to the president in respect for his office. In the future, if any sensitive issue comes up, all members of the Commission should be polled as to whether a meeting should be rescheduled.

In response to Commissioner Mc-Ardle-Solomon's question, **Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose,** explained that she has polled all members regarding the meeting date of May 30, 1995. Ms. Rose also contacted the attorneys for both of the potential bidders and had received confirmation from one of the attorneys.

Commission members discussed the date and time for the special meeting. Commissioner Rovetti felt that the attorneys for both sides needed to be present at the meeting.

Commissioner Quaranta said the by-laws do not currently address who has the authority to set agendas. He felt that the Commission Secretary should consider calling each of the members of the Commission.

President Immendorf said that the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Stables has been very contentious and that publicly the Commission asked that a special meeting be scheduled with all 7 members of the Commissions present for the vote. President Immendorf clarified the point that he made an error because he was not available for the special meeting set for 5/25/95 even though he made a commitment to be present for it. He erred and apologized to the Commission.

17. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of April 5, 1995
- Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of May 2, 1995
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of May 4, 1995
- Recreation Services Committee Meeting of May 9, 1995

18. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Bruce Bosley and Joe Vetrano, former players for the 49ers who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 704th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up

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705th REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Fifth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 15, 1995 at 2:10 p.m. by Vice President Sidney Chan.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President (noted present at 2:15 p.m.)
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
SELECTION OF OPERATOR

Selection of the operator for the Golden Gate Park Stables concession.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this issue has been the single most contentious issue that he has dealt with in his 9 years with the Recreation and Park Department. Both of the bidders have claimed that the other is not qualified and should be disqualified. Initially staff recommended the bid proposal submitted by the San Francisco Equestrian Center but has now reversed that recommendation based on additional information that has been researched and received.

Mr. Arnold said that much has been made of the previous scoring system under which the San Francisco Equestrian Center was given 100 points and the current operator, the Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc., was given less than 100 points. The implication of some was that the score of 100 was a perfect score, indicating a perfect proposal. Mr. Arnold said that this implication was not correct and it was clearly stated at the time the those scores were discussed. Based on the comparison to the other bid, San Francisco Equestrian Center had been given a better score. However, subsequent to that time he has received a substantial amount of additional information and researched this information which resulted in a change in the evaluation of the two proposals.

Mr. Arnold explained that he was not prepared and did not suggest that either of the bids should be disqualified based on the proposals submitted but believed that one of the proposals was stronger than the other.

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Mr. Arnold explained staff recommended that the current operator, Golden Gate Park Stables Inc., be named as the operator and be given a lease. He made this recommendation primarily because he believed that their proposal was most consistent with the goals of the Recreation and Park Department in its role as a public serving agency. The stables exist in Golden Gate Park because it is a public recreational resource and the Department is not in the business of privatizing public property. While it is evident that having private boarders at the stables is valuable for the continued operation of the stables, staff does not believe that there should be predominantly private boarders. Rather, staff believes that the programs should be geared predominantly towards instruction and trail rides for those who may not have a horse, or know how to ride a horse, but would like the experience of being able to ride in a public setting. Staff believed that the current operator has clearly demonstrated the capacity to develop, maintain and improve a public program of recreation that is consistent with the mission of the Department.

Mr. Arnold did not believe that the proposal of San Francisco Equestrian Center gave that same level of demonstrated accomplishment. Their proposal, be it well done, is very weak in actual performance of public programming. However, San Francisco Equestrian Center's proposal is strong on maintenance which is an issue that staff has said needs to be improved at the stables in Golden Gate Park. Throughout the bid process, staff has expected that whoever operates the stables should also maintain it at a much higher standard. To that end, staff has included in the draft lease, stringent maintenance standards and improvements which if not met, will be grounds for termination of the lease.

Recognizing that each of the proponents bring strengths to the stables, one on the maintenance side, and one on the program side, staff, during the discussion process, offered both sides the opportunity to submit a joint proposal. The San Francisco Equestrian Center chose to not participate in this joint effort while the current operators expressed an openness to a joint proposal.

Mr. Arnold explained that staff has been working on awarding a lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables for over 2 years and recommended that the current operator be selected as they have best demonstrated the commitment and ability to provide a public service which is consistent with the Recreation and Park Department's mission.

The Commission agreed to take public comment on Items 2, 3 and 4 before hearing from the attorneys representing each side. Commissioner Rovetti informed those attending the meeting that the Commission had read the material presented and took this matter very seriously.

Public Testimony

Phoebe Grigg, a student at Golden Gate Park Stables, has ridden weekly for 7 years and spent over $5500 on lessons. She thanked staff for recognizing the asset of the Golden Gate Park Stables and recommended that the bid be awarded to the current operator who has a large following of loyal students. She asked the Commission to see what a real asset the current operator is and give them the bid.

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Peter Desmond, said letters were submitted on 2/8/95 and 3/7/95 which asked very pointed questions about the continued corruption of the boarder waiting list, the illegal work that had been done at the stables by a handy man in exchange for riding lessons for his daughter, and other questions. Those letters have not been answered. He said the staff recommendation is the personal recommendation of Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold and not the Department's Property Management Supervisor and her staff. Mr. Desmond further stated that the City Attorney has advised that the personal finances of the current operator are not relevant to the bid. But he questioned the judgment of recommending award of a 20 year lease when one of the current operators is in trouble with Federal and State authorities. He said the Commission should listen to the public.

Polly Dignan, the General Manager of the Golden Gate Park Stables, said she planned to continue to improve the public and boarding programs. She has worked very hard to include programs for young children and this year began a tiny tot program for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. She wanted to continue boarding services including clipping and various services for the boarding horses.

Nicki Taylor, explained for the past 5 years she has been an instructor and the night manager at the Golden Gate Park Stables. She outlined her experience in horsemanship and her duties as the night manager at the Stables, the position she has held since August 1991. She explained that she has spent many long nights with sick horses and has never missed making her nightly rounds. Last year, when her son was undergoing aggressive chemotherapy treatment for cancer, she always made sure a responsible person was performing her duties. She received many letters of appreciation and believed the only complaints registered were from Dennis Hamby, Kathy Mroz and Peter Desmond.

Susan Pommer, thanked the Department staff for recommending that the award of the lease be given to Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc. She gave her background in horsemanship which began in 1977 and said she has been an instructor at the stables since 1988. She explained that she had to work for an organization that had the same high level of standards she expected and needed to know that the horses were well cared for, that people can learn to ride at the stables, and be complimented when they go elsewhere to ride. She felt the current operator met that caliber and standard.

Dorothy Lucas, explained that she has known Dr. Dennis Hamby for over ten years and has found him to be a very tactful, reliable, professional, and a very caring person. She was sure that he will give the horses the same care that he gives to his patients and felt the Commission, therefore, could not possibly find a better person.

Tim Bracken, an aircraft mechanic, and a life-long horse enthusiast, was in favor of awarding the lease to San Francisco Equestrian Center. He said that Dr. Dennis Hamby is a civic minded healer of the sick, a gentlemen in the truest sense, and has a born love of horses and horse people. He hoped that it was in the Commission's judgment to give the lease to San Francisco Equestrian Center.

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Cecily Cassel, said she believed that the contract should be awarded to the qualified bidder which is the Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc., a proven operator. She has taken riding lessons at the stables twice a week for the last four years and found the instruction to be excellent, the classes and programs diverse, and the staff responsible, professional and friendly. She thought it wrong to turn over the stables to the Hamby group who she felt was unqualified and inexperienced. As a San Francisco taxpayer, voter, and homeowner, she hoped the Commission would vote responsibly and fair.

Rana Walker, a student at the Golden Gate Park Stables, supported the current operator, explaining for the last 5 years they have shown that they are able to run a business very successfully, have expanded programs, increased the student body, and continue to improve its programs. She asked that the bid be awarded to Golden Gate Park Stables Inc., who, in her opinion, is the only qualified bidder.

Shay Morris, one of the owners and assistant manager at the Golden Gate Park Stables, explained that when they took over the stables in 1990, there were less than 100 students. Since that time, the program has grown to 600 and is the largest riding school in Northern California. She explained the methods and promotions they have used to increase the student body by attending career days at schools, fund raisers, passing brochures at events held in the park, etc. She explained the best way to increase the student body is by word of mouth and their students have ridden in Europe and returned to the Golden Gate Park Stables pleased that they were trained properly. She finally clarified the point that there is no longer a boarding waiting list because the Recreation and Park Commission, by resolution, gave that list a one year window of opportunity for boarders to be selected. After the one year period, the boarding list was abolished.

Sally L. Shea, said she and her son ride at the stables and she represents one of many happy and satisfied students and family groups. She has used the facility for at least 2 years and invested upwards of $4 000 in the programs offered. She said a lease granted to the Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc., will guarantee the continuation of family and English riding programs to the public. The present operator has established children programs, trail rides, pony rides summer camps, jumping lessons, shows, and clinics. As a business owner in the City she understood what it means to work hard and said the Golden Gate Park Stables deserve to reap the benefits of their hard labor.

Eric M. Taylor, husband of Nikki Taylor the night manager of the Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc., explained that when Nikki and he first visited the stables in 1989 it was before the current operator was in place and the stables were in sad shape. The horses were so thin that Nikki, who had come looking for a job, would not work there. Soon after, 2 dynamic, hard working horse loving women, Polly Dignan and Shay Morris, began to manage the stables and made it into a place where the horses are healthy. Awarding the lease to the present operator would be an affirmation of the great work these 2 women have done to make the stables into a facility the City can be proud of. They have great plans to improve the stables and to deny them the lease would appear to him to be discrimination in favor of less qualified bidders.

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Rose Scarff, a student at Golden Gate Park Stables for the past 5 years, explained that she rode at the stables prior to the present management and found the difference to be amazing. She felt fortunate that she could take lessons at this facility under the current instructors and encouraged the Commission to keep the present management in place.

Marilyn Villarreal, secretary and editor for the San Francisco Horses Association, explained that on 4/23/95 their Association had a barbecue and ride at Burkett Field. She recounted the event, explaining that some of the riders arrived at 10:00 a.m., found the gate locked forcing them to park their trailers across the street. The gate was finally opened around 11:00 a.m., and the arena was loaded with jumps, barrels and hay so the horses had be worked outside. Dr. Hamby rode into the stables and observed the mess. She explained that the riders had to share the arena with much of the current operators' equipment and hay. She explained that there are five events of this nature held throughout the year and since she paid a fee in advance for use of Burkett Field, she hoped that this incident would not be repeated again.

Lee Callison, explained that since he was not a politician or a public speaker, he would let his wife Robin Callison speak for him.

Robin Callison, representing the Hamby team, said if the bid had been recommended to be awarded to the Hamby team, she and her husband would have been the managers. The bid process has been very interesting and, at times, very stressful. She said they have over 20 years of experience in the horse world and this is the first time she has had to deal with people who are novices in the area of horse operations. However, staff has been able to critique them and inform them they do not meet the qualifications to operate the stables. She wanted everyone to know that they were open, honest, and hard working people, with a vast amount of knowledge of horses. She said they have operated in different capacities from public stables to breeding and were able to pass on some of their knowledge to others.

Kathy Mroz, a boarder at the stables, said she was not going to attend the meeting until she received a phone call at the stables yesterday evening warning her that if she did not want something worse to happen to her horse, Jo Jo, she should not attend the meeting. She said she was not going to put her horse down or move him. She asked why Mr. Arnold was not critical of Polly Dignan's experience yet he was of Lee and Robin Callison. Ms. Mroz said Polly Dignan clearly did not meet the necessary qualifications and experience to manage a public barn but she was exempt from the need to meet the minimum qualifications and criteria. She wanted to know why the bid proposal was not advertised in the local newspapers or horse magazines and said when her horse was ill and needed injections she called Lee Callison who came down every day to administer the injections. The present management did not offer to give the injections.

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Allyse Connick, a niece of the Callison family, said she was born into the horse world, and at age 4 she took her first English lesson. She recounted her many accomplishments explaining that she had been ranked number one in Northern California in jumping, equestrian. She said she has never heard of the Golden Gate Park Stables and recently went there and witnessed some of the lessons. It was her personal opinion that the present operators are "back yard" and felt the Callisons could be successful at the stables.

Linda Gallegos, said her daughter has taken riding lessons over the years and it is a very important part of her life. She has witnessed the teaching programs offered for children by the present operators. She has been around the stables and although Dr. Hamby is nice to his friends, she did not recall any interest exhibited by Dr. Hamby in the students, the children or the public. She wondered how he could present a program with the public in mind when she had not seen any interest.

Bill Brand, a resident of San Francisco, and a 24 year teacher in Oakland for the Recreation Department, said when he sees a program he evaluates it for its safety, and who they cater to, and found the present operators doing a magnificent job. His 13 year old daughter started taking riding lesson at 8 and he has complete confidence in the present operators. He said the current operators are very attentive, always present and the camaraderie at the stables is unbelievable. He said the present management should be given a contract and urged the Commission to give them the lease.

Dennis Hamby, M.D., felt a degree of pity for those making a decision. He explained that he participated in an unfortunate war and saw injured bodies. He urged the Commission to listen to the people that have actually seen the stables. He clarified the point that he would not be preparing the programs offered at the Stables; he is a physician and is making the means available for a professional to prepare the programs at the stables. He said it would not be appropriate for him to go up to children and discuss horses with them.

Randi Thomas, who has a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley, gave a financial presentation on the figures provided by the current operator. She decisively concluded from the figures provided that the increase in revenues are solely due to 2 rate increases granted in 1990 and 1994. She said there has been a dramatic decline in service and a loss of business built by the previous manager, the Barnes family. These conclusions were mathematically supported in her report. In a 2 year period during the tenure of the Barnes management, gross revenue increased by 46.8% with no rate increases. However, in 4-1/2 years, the current manager had a 34.8% increase in spite of 2 rate increases averaging 51%. Without the rate increase, losses of more than 20% would have occurred each year. Group lessons account for 63% of the current management gross income, yet with the generous rate increase of 67% for group lessons, the current management produced only 34.8% increase in gross income. She raised 3 points: ❶the increase in revenue was strictly and solely due to 2 rate increases of 1990 and 1994; ❷there has been a decline in service and a loss of business built by the Barnes management; and ❸current management, rather than the stables itself, has benefited from the income in revenue generated by rate increases. Of the $179,514 generated in revenue from the 1994 rate increase, $50,000 was spent on stall renovations, leaving $129,514 of unaccounted income.

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Reverend Arthur McKay, Jr., spoke in support of Dr. Hamby, explaining that he and his wife have known Dr. Hamby for a number of years and found him to exhibit a caring nature for people and animals. Dr. Hamby is well respected in the medical community, as well as the secular community and he never heard anything but praise concerning Dr. Hamby's service to mankind and to animals.

Mike Ferro, a student at the stables, said he had never been around horses until he got on a horse 2 1/2 years ago and realized how large and powerful they were. He said the present managers operate a very safe stables and he felt that this aspect needed to be considered. They have demonstrated time and time again that safety is of the utmost importance. He had no hesitation getting on any horse at the stables, going on a trail ride, or following the instructors' direction. The present team is great and he would hate to see it broken up. He rides at the stables because he feels safe and it is a great place to go.

Tod Ferro, lives in Marin County and when he first considered horseback riding he researched different places and went as far as Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Sea Horse Ranch. He came to the Golden Gate Park Stables and found them to be very nice. He has been riding for almost 2 years and felt safe there and did not see anything wrong with the present operators. He felt that they should be awarded the lease.

Carol Hamby, said Mr. Arnold's written report was a bit different from the presentation he made and wanted to know if there was any question regarding the qualifications of the managers and any misrepresentations on their part. She explained that she went through everything with Robin Burgstahler before she ever wrote the bid and she is the one who wrote the bid. She wrote the bid for people who know nothing about horses or stables and it was purposely written that way so that the staff at Recreation and Park who are not experienced horse people would be able to understand it. She said there are many additions to the lease that Mr. Arnold extracted from her bid and the maintenance standards that were added to the lease were taken directly from her bid. She said her bid addresses surveillance of security of the stables at night. Through Park Patrol, she documented the absence of caretakers at times. They have proposed maintaining a list of all permanent and temporary boarders and laundry facilities. She also explained that she taught at public schools for five years and knew how to put programs together for children.

Mr. Arnold explained that he believed there is question about the qualifications of one of the members of the Hamby team. Mr. Arnold discussed this person's qualifications with the Hambys and he did not believe that he is qualified or meets the minimum qualifications.

Ms. Hamby said she spoke to Robin about his age prior to putting him in the bid proposal. She said, like many teenagers who are 15, he gave an age that would give him a job. She dropped him from the bid proposal because of Mr. Arnold's concerns and still has two very highly experienced people that she felt would bring a fantastic program to the stables.

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President Immendorf asked Mr. Arnold if both bidders were qualified or if one of the bidders was disqualified. Mr. Arnold said that he thought President Immendorf asked whether staff was disqualifying either of the bidders and Mr. Arnold said he was not recommending that either of the bidders be disqualified. He believed that Ms. Hamby was raising a different question asking if all of the members of the team were qualified. Mr. Arnold said he did not believe that one of the members of her management team meets even the barest minimum qualifications but would not consider disqualifying them based on the other members of her team.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said it was his opinion that the Commission could find either bid qualified but it was his position that one of the bidders was better qualified than the other. He did not believe that either one of the bidders could be disqualified based on the submittals made.

Karen Brand, has been riding in Golden Gate Park Stables for 5 years and said Polly, Shay and the teaching staff are the best teachers she has ever had in her entire life.

Erika Gould, a student and supporter of Golden Gate Park Stables for over a year, spoke on behalf of the present operator. She spends nearly $3,000 annually at the Stables and felt this financial investment was the most worthwhile and beneficial investment in her life. She reviewed the proposals and qualifications of San Francisco Equestrian Center bid and would promptly withdraw her investment if the stables were placed under their management. After reviewing the Equestrian bid proposal she was more confident that the current staff will provide the services that she expected and enjoyed. She questioned the integrity of the other bid based on several statements contained in their bid proposal. On several occasions she has been at the stables very early or very late and found Shay and Polly working. She was very distressed to imagine a public facility under the management of the San Francisco Equestrian Center and supported the current management.

Denise Hamby, the daughter of Dennis and Carol Hamby, is currently under contract as a groom with the United States Park Police for whom she has worked for 4 years. She displayed pictures of an area between Kennedy Drive and the stables where refuse from the stall renovations had been dumped. She said the pictures show chunks of wood, and debris which sat at this site until City workers cleaned it up. She found this offensive and a violation of the trust of the people of San Francisco, the boarders, and users of the park. She then displayed a picture of the riding ring which she said was in fairly good repair when the stables was turned over to the current operator. She said the photos showed nails that could injure the horses and riders if they fell. She showed a picture of a fenced area where the school horses stay and said that horses could push the fence over. She displayed the photographs to show the negligence and dangerous conditions. She finally displayed a recent picture taken in December of a gasoline can sitting in a hay barn next to a stack of straw. She said gasoline fumes are extremely inflammable and dangerous to the animals and public.

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Jeanine Mahl, lives in San Francisco, a block and one-half from the park. Her daughter has been riding at Golden Gate Park Stables for 2 years and she wanted to point out that she felt very safe leaving her daughter alone at the stables. She felt that riding is dangerous and that the instructors do everything possible to make it safe for the students. In her opinion she felt the lease should be awarded to a proven commodity. She was not sure she would feel safe leaving her daughter with the San Francisco Equestrian Center.

Nora McGee, a resident, property owner in San Francisco, and a student at the stables for 3 years, said she has ridden all over the world. Last year she went to an equestrian center in Virginia and when she rode they could not believe that she came from a public stable. Likewise, she rides in Petaluma on expensive dressage horses and when she first started the comments made were that they could not believe that a public stable trained students of her caliber. She said this is a real testimony to the type of instruction that she receives at the Golden Gate Park Stables.

3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. the Commission recessed the meeting.

Note for the Record: President Immendorf explained that the Commission has requested and both attorneys have concurred that since there are over 50 speakers remaining that public testimony would be restricted to 1 minute with the exception of Jeff Morris and Joe Dignan who would be allotted 2 minutes.

Margaret Paulson, said a lot of the profits made went back into the stables which should be commended. She said it is clear that the Golden Gate Park Stables is supported by the community and there is a sense of paranoia going through the barn making it difficult for those who utilize the facility. Even though there has been a sense of limbo, the current management continues to provide programs. She said the stables is successful, comprehensive, careful, learned, fair and incredibly committed and should be allowed to continue with their good work and be rewarded for it.

Georgina Aldridge, said she enjoyed spending her Saturdays helping at the Stables. The programs they have built allow her to learn to take care of horses. For 4 1/2 years she has put her dedication and money into the stables and has seen it grow bigger and better. She believed that nobody else could do better. She has been to Mar Vista, Sea Horse Ranch, Half Moon Bay and other stables and believed Golden Gate Park Stables should be selected. She would not feel comfortable with anybody else.

Linda Murase, a student at the stables, said during the time that she has been riding she has only seen an increase in services. All of her 4 children, ages 4, 8, 10, and 12, use the services offered. Her family goes on the Christmas rides, beach rides, and her kids are enrolled in summer camp. She has never found another place where she can leave her children and know they are getting the values and role model. She pleaded with the Commission to consider Polly and Shay's bid as it means the world to her.

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Sky Murase, said he really thought Polly should be able to stay at the stables. He has a 4 year old brother that will be riding at the stables and his sister takes lessons there.

Clementina Garcia, came to the meeting because she was shocked a few days ago to read in the local papers the negative publicity about the Dignans. She was present to support them because she thinks they are wonderful people and are part of a community. Joe and Polly Dignan have formed an excellent family. She explained that Father Sullivan came to voice his support but had to leave. She felt they should be awarded the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Evan Ross, has been taking riding lessons for about 6 months at the Stables. He said his great grandfather had an expression which was "...if it ain't broke, don't fix it." He explained that the present operators are great people and he enjoys going there every single time. He hoped that the operation would remain with the present operators.

Mary Moore, has been involved at the Golden Gate Park Stables for 15 years, 11 years as a boarder. She said historically it has always been the boarders against the operator. But this is the first time in 15 years that the boarders and students are rallying behind one group except for a handful of people at this meeting. And while she had great respect for the riding association, they are not there boarding their horse or taking lessons. She explained that she was one of the people guilty of the illegal work being done without a permit. She felt the current operators have the necessary experience.

Tom Curtin, said he did not know a damn thing about horses but was present to support Joe and Polly Dignan who have been good friends of his for many years. He knows these people personally and found them to be honest, sincere, dedicated, compassionate and to love horses. He went to the stables and found it neat and in order and said they do a good job. He said Polly and Joe are dedicated and a good team and it should not change.

Susan Lombardi, a boarder since 1974, a dressage rider, an active member of the California Dressage Society, and a volunteer in 1984 for the equestrian game in the Olympics, explained that she has lived through several managers and to date the present managers are the best. She has brought many international judges over to see the park and stables and they are very impressed with the stables. The present management is doing a good job and she urged the Commission to keep them in place.

Marge Eren, a resident and property owner in San Francisco, was present to express her support for the current management. She is a student at the stables. She could not explain to the Commission what it meant to her to have this facility under the management of Polly and Shay. She said they are doing a very good job and want to do a better job for the Department. She was confused about the photograph showing a gasoline can since the tractor uses diesel fuel.

Michelle Buiko, a student at the stables, thanked the Commission for listening to the public's concerns at the meeting in November, 1994 and taking the time to thoroughly investigate of the issues. She said based on the years of experience and satisfaction of the community, clearly the Golden Gate Park Stables group is the best choice to make.

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Jack Abraham, Jr., resides in the Bay Area and represented 28,000+ concerned members of the California State Horsemen Association. He supported the desire of the San Francisco Sheriffs Mounted Posse and the San Francisco Horsemen Association. and was somewhat surprised to hear comments about the excellent condition of the stable. He spoke to an insurance representative for his organization who said the condition of the stables was not acceptable. He was concerned that while the concessionaire may have the best intentions, they lack the available capital. He understood that one of the bidders has the ability and expressed his intention to improve the state of the facility.

Joe Dignan, said the negative things that have been expressed primarily center around the physical condition of the stables. He displayed some photographs that showed the condition of the facility, noting that many of the buildings have been condemned for about 20 years. Everybody agrees that there is a tremendous amount of work to be done. When they took over the 18 month extension of Joe Barnes' lease they were not required to do $750,000 worth of improvements. It was his hope to be able to make those improvements in the next few years. As to the allegations of electrical and maintenance work performed at the stables, he presented a report from the electrical inspector who did not observe any hazardous condition. Secondly, he presented the permits for the electrical work and building permits at the stables. Finally, he explained that the Commission passed Resolution 16170, establishing how the boarders waiting list should be administered and they have complied with the terms of that resolution

Mary S. Cain, explained that one of the reasons this issue has become so emotional is that everyone waited so long for the matter to be resolved. She urged the Commission to make a decision. She said people have spoken in support of both sides and many ugly allegations have been made. She urged the Commission to not pay attention to rumors that are not substantiated by facts. She explained that she owns a horse and sleeps comfortably at night knowing that her horse is well cared for. She said Polly taught her to ride. She wanted the facility to be improved and said they care about the park.

Jerry Lombardi, one of the partners for the current management, said the Hamby group provided the Commission with a set of pictures showing some of the excavation that had been done after the stall remodeling. He chose to remove all of the material and pile it in one spot out of the way until the first group of stall remodeling was completed. The second issue he wanted to discuss was the personal attacks primarily directed to him. He was involved in a business deal that went sideways and he subsequently had to sell one of the commercial buildings to pay off his debt. He said that the Commission had received much information regarding this issue and the proper responses.

Kathleen Williams, a student at Golden Gate Park Stables for the last 3 years, voiced her support for the current management and thanked staff for changing its recommendation. She said this is the third afternoon she has taken off work without pay to speak on this issue and would appreciate if a decision could be made.

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Dr. Clifford Zucco, a veterinarian, with 25 years experience with horses, explained that the Hambys are wonderful people and have San Francisco and Golden Gate Park in their hearts' best interest. They are very resourceful and intelligent and have put together a package that will put the park stables on a much higher level.

V. Vale, explained that he has known the Hambys for over 20 years and during this time they have treated him with incredible fairness, honesty and have been very loving people. They are meticulous in the way they have dealt with all their friends and any enterprise. They love horses and have a vision on how the stables could be greatly improved. Having known the Hambys so long he had the utmost faith in their ability to bring a greater level of care and maintenance to the stables.

Caroline T. Schroeder, works at the stables and has taught riding lesson to children since August 1994. She has also been involved in trail rides, pony rides, group activities for schools and girl scout troops that are provided for the public at the stables. She reiterated the comments made by parents about how important this program is to their children. The relationship between the children, the horses and the instructors is very powerful.

David Lyon, expressed some of the differences in the proposals explaining that the Hamby proposal is very detailed while the other is not. He explained that if this was a public works project the current operator's bid would have been thrown out for being non-responsive. The Hambys put together a very detailed proposal which should be given consideration.

Betty Silverman, said she has been riding horses in Golden Gate Park longer than most anyone at the meeting. When she first rode there were 22 stables all around the City. In 1955 the Board of Supervisors decided that horses could not be stabled at private property within the City. There was an enormous fight at the time and Peter Burkett, a member of the Recreation and Park Commission, arranged to have the horses from St. Francis Riding Academy come to Golden Gate Park. Since 1953 she has been a boarder at the stables. She has been through every manager that has ever been part of the stables. In her opinion Victor Graber and Cal Rossi were absentee managers who were not directly involved in the management of the stables. Dr. Hamby would be an absentee manager because he plans to have someone else directly involved in the management of the stables. Polly Dignan and Shay Morris are directly involved in the programs. She hoped that the Commission would approve Mr. Arnold's recommendation that the lease be given to the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Amanda Lee, has been riding horses for 15 years and has been a student at the Golden Gate Park Stables. She is someone who rides at the stables and watched Polly and the instructors select the horses, train the horses and make a positive experience for riders because of their knowledge. Horses can be unpredictable and dangerous but she has never felt that she was in danger at the Golden Gate Park Stables.

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SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Dianna Lawrence, a student at the Golden Gate Park Stables, has been riding for about 4 years and has learned a lot from the stables. She thought Shay and Polly have done a great job at the stables and liked to go there during her free time. She felt that Shay and Polly were very nice to the people who come out for the trail rides and treat people like they are their best friends. She said they take care of the sick horses and hoped they could stay.

Patricia Cannon, said she could only reiterate what the Commission has already heard about Dennis and Carol Hamby. She met Dr. Hamby in 1967 and found Dr. and Mrs. Hamby to be extremely intelligent. Mrs. Hamby is a teacher and very familiar with putting together programs for young children. She explained that the Hambys care about the City and want to make the stables the best.

Audrey King, has been riding for 5 years and wanted to say that Polly and Shay taught her everything. Polly and Shay treat her as an equal and said that Polly has non-stop ideas. Ms. King was proud of the fact that she volunteers on Saturdays. She asked that the current management be given the bid for the stables.

Angela Hamby, daughter of Carol and Dennis Hamby, wanted to point out a misrepresentation in the Golden Gate Park Stables Inc., bid. She said part of their bid included a letter from First Heller Capital in which Joe and Polly Dignan claimed to own property which they would use to secure their small business loan. She said they have provided documentation to Mr. Arnold showing that the Dignans do not own 2230 Leavenworth or 2320 Leavenworth. She then questioned Jerry Lombardi as the contractor given his financial problems and said that Joe Dignan wrote to Mr. Arnold and stated that he would not use Jerry Lombardi as the general contractor for the redevelopment project. She said that Jerry Lombardi is listed in a public notice by the Tax Collector's Office and questioned whether the Dignans should be awarded a City contract when Mr. Lombardi has failed to pay his own property taxes.

Ilma Rodriguez, said for the past months the Hambys have been trying very hard to discredit the present management. She said what stands in the way of making a decision is political, social and illegal clutter. She explained that she has seen a lot of corruption and felt this was why Golden Gate Park and the City was falling apart.

Marilyn Gradeck, explained that her 6 year old daughter has taken riding lessons and attended riding camps at Golden Gate Park Stables for over a year. Since her girl is only six she attends every lesson with her and has been impressed with the quality of the lessons and the concern for safety. She said the present management is successful and that it seemed logical to continue it rather than to change it.

Commissioner Rovetti reiterated the point that every member of the Commission takes this issue very seriously. He explained that he conducted his own investigation and asked that the merits be discussed.

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SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Jeff Morris, husband of Shay Morris, the assistant manager at the stables, referenced the earlier mathematical analysis. He explained the bid they submitted was reviewed by a certified public accountant and that the number of public horses increased 75% from 22 to 35 and students increased from 200 to 600 per week. He said the rent paid to the Department has increased 41% over a five year period. He explained that they have obtained a commitment from Heller First Capital, based on presentation of their financial and real estate collateral, to support the loan that has a market value in excess of $3 Million. He displayed drawings of the renderings contained in their bid, showing the office/residence building and significant facilities for tack, horses and places to provide instructions for students. He said the present management team is a group of six very loyal San Franciscans who want to do what it best for the park and the stables.

Nat Baker, a resident of San Francisco for 50 years, explained that he has been a student at the stables for the last 3 years and has seen the expanding programs. He found the instructors to be very well schooled and skilled in their knowledge of horses. He thought the stables was an asset to the City and noted that there is tremendous interest by all of the participants.

Carolyn Lund, spoke in support of the Hambys, explaining that she always noticed a couple at the stables whose pockets were bulging with carrots. She became acquainted with this couple, Dr. and Carol Hamby, who inquired if her daughter would like to exercise their horse. Her daughter was thrilled to have the opportunity to ride. In time, they learned to trust her daughter and let her take the horse out on her own. She thought the Hambys provided a fantastic opportunity for her daughter and, as a mom, was grateful for their caring ways. She said that since Dr. Hamby is a physician and Carol Hamby is a teacher, they would naturally to be responsible, nurturing providers for the horses and the students.

Dr. Kristin Reppas, one of the attending veterinarians for Golden Gate Park Stables, said she could attest to the quality and care that Polly and Shay have given to the animals. She said these women do not operate an 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. facility and she receives emergency calls from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. She felt they have done an outstanding job of taking care of the horses. She clarified the point that administering an antibiotic to a horse is typically not considered one of the responsibilities of a boarding facility.

4:40 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. the Commission recessed the meeting.

Note for the Record: *The tape transcription malfunctioned and the public comments of the following individuals were lost: Katherine Shotwell, Stan Matteson, Catherine Kaley McCarroll, Lisa McClusky, Jessica Sheer, Zoe McLaughlin, Dennis McCarthy, Diane Brown, Dr. Douglas Novick, Helen Norris, Helen Riley, Jeane Scanlon, Maria Gabinon, Claudia Stern, Nancy Allen, Rebecca Lund,*

Katherine Shotwell, *voiced her support for the current management.*

Stan Mattesson, *enrolled in August*

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SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Catherine Kaley McCarroll, *a student at the Golden Gate Park Stables, voiced her support that the present operators be retained. She said that many people who use the Stables will go elsewhere if Dr. and Carol Hamby are awarded the lease.*

Lisa McCluskey, *a teacher, found it very rare that the stables cater to the public. She said that the San Francisco Equestrian Center seemed qualified...but not the stables. She did not think a qualified instructor would...*

Jessica Sheer, *lives in Marin County and came to the stables 3 1/2 years ago. She has gone to other stables and found that the present operators are very caring. She volunteers at the stables and said horses are her life.*

Zoe McLaughlin, *explained that she has been riding for 3 1/2 years and, prior to that time, had never been on a horse. She said that Dr. Hamby referred to the students at the stables in an unkind manner, as "insignificant juveniles".*

Dennis McCarthy, *spoke in support of the character of Dr. Hamby. He said Dr. Hamby is a humanitarian and tries to do the right thing.*

Diane Brown, *explained that Dr. Hamby inspires great loyalty . She said she hoped the Commission would favor the current management team at the stables.*

Dr. Douglas Novick, *a veterinarian, explained that the current operator has the greatest number of students and that a change would be viewed as a hostile take over. He made an analogy of changing the City's San Francisco 49ers team for the*

Helen Norris, *one of the managers at the Golden Gate Park Stables, commented that if a dangerous situation is cited such as a gas can, the managers would like to be notified of such condition.*

Helen Riley, *supported the current operator and said if the figures are reviewed staff will see that they are a good business people...*

Jeane Scanlon, *thanked the Commission for the attention this issue was receiving and asked the Commission to award the lease to the current managers, the Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc. She was impressed by their professionalism and the new programs they have established.*

Maria Gabinon, *said that Phil Arnold did not consider the financial issue of the Hamby bid. She commented that everyone resists change and that the Hambys should be given a chance. She said they are better qualified from a financial perspective. She did not think the Hambys would be absent from the stables.*

Claudia Stern, *has been riding at the Stables and likes the people. She brought her children to the stables and asked the Commission to continue the existing stable management.*

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SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Nancy Allen, *a student at the stables, thought the Golden Gate Park Stables was great and could not imagine a better instructor than the ones at the stables. She endorsed the current operator.*

Rebecca Lund, *a student of 4 1/2 years at the Stables.*

Dr. Wayne Browning, explained that the students at the stables want to be there because the current management makes it fun. The programs are financially successful for the Department. He said the Department is grossly mistaken if it assumes that it can simply replace it with another management team and have the same level of success.

Bruce Bonacker, explained that when the current operators assumed the balance of the term of the current lease many of the building had already been condemned by the City. He said current management has made a significant effort to make improvements. The design that they have asked him to develop for the stables site is significantly different than the pre-manufactured box that has been proposed by the other bidder.

Jim Reuben, representing the San Francisco Equestrian Center, believed that the recommendation made on October 31,1994 to award the concession to the San Francisco Equestrian Center should remain unchanged. There was a subtle difference in the staff reported dated October 31, 1994 which came from the entire staff and the later version which came from Phil Arnold, but he thought it noteworthy. He said there was a difference in opinion from the staff, explaining that in the Fall of 1994 their bid received a perfect 100% score versus a 79% score to the Dignans. Those submittals were graded in the areas of public emphasis, experience, financial responsibility, capital improvement plan, plan of operation, and proposed concession rental. He said it was important to note that there has been no re-grading of these same submittals, the ones that the Commission is considering at this meeting. Notwithstanding what Mr. Arnold has said, he felt that the Hambys have been disqualified.

Mr. Reuben read from the most recent recommendation where Mr. Arnold states, "...as a result of this re-evaluation staff has concluded that San Francisco Equestrian Centers (SFEC) has not provided documentation required in the request for proposal to demonstrate that the management team of SFEC meets the minimum requirements for management of the stables in Golden Gate Park." Mr. Arnold also attached a copy of the prior recommendation which says specifically, "...leaving only one qualified bidder."

Sometime in October in 1994 it became clear to the existing operator that they could not beat a 100 score so they created an avalanche of paper and a general attack which ultimately convinced Mr. Arnold and perhaps others, that the Hambys did not have the minimum qualifications.

Mr. Reuben explained that the issue is the definition of a public stable. He said if the Hambys are to be judged and disqualified there must be a clear definitive standard against which Mr. Arnold's interpretation could be compared.

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SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Mr. Reuben then displayed a copy of Page 6 and Page 7 of the RFP. He said there is no definition of a public stable on the Page 6 under the proposed specifications and it simply states that "...three years of full time hands-on experience in the management and operation of a public stable." On Page 7 it states that "...a public stable is one that offers guided trail rides to the general public, lessons and instructions in riding and horsemanship to the general public and boarding for privately owned horses." He stated that in neither place is there any specifics which can help the bidder on the intent of the request for proposal. Page 6 of the proposal simply tells anyone who is interested that they should have 3 years experience in a public stables and page 7 describes the Golden Gate Park stables as a public stable that will offer guided trail rides, etc. He thought the goal of an RFP issued by a City agency should be to secure as many qualified bidders as possible and to not so strictly construe the document that it becomes inflexible.

Mr. Reuben explained that the real problem is that the RFP does not state if a public stable means a stable owned by a public entity and operated for the public's benefit. He said if that were the requirement the only people that could qualify were the Dignans. It does not state where the experience is to be gathered, if it must be open 24 hours a day, or one day a week, or 8 hours a day, etc. The RFP does not state if open to the public means by any member of the public as opposed to private membership which could be members of the public which simply pay a fee. Mr. Reuben then questioned the term "hands-on experience" and queried whether it meant a manager of lessons or a manager of trail rides. He said the RFP could have provided a definition of a manager stating it is a person with the overall responsibility for the programs of the stables.

Mr. Reuben said the proposed Hamby team includes people that have spent their entire lives working with horses, including management, operation, breeding, boarding, lessons, trail rides, etc. Unfortunately, Mr. Arnold in his recommendation has determined that the Hamby proposal does not meet "... the minimum requirements and that they are therefore disqualified leaving the only bidder as the Dignans."

On 12/8/94, Mr. Reuben wrote to the Department and suggested that the definition was questionable and unclear for the statement "...Three years of full time hands-on experience in the management and operation of a public stable..." General Manager, Mary Burns responded to his letter which stated "...a public stable is one that offers guided trail rides to the general public, lessons and instructions in riding and horsemanship to the general public and boarding for privately owned horses is the Commission's policy..." Mr. Reuben explained that Ms. Burns' response was extracted from Page 7 of the RFP which discusses the nature of the business that will be conducted rather than the proposed specifications.

Mr. Reuben finally stated that many letters and documents were submitted relating to the qualifications of the Hamby team. He said what was important was the definition on Page 6 which the Hamby team followed. He did not believe the recommendation made on 10/31/94 should be changed.

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SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Robert McCarthy, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc., (GGPS) the current operator, stated they have successfully operated the stables for the last five years. He explained that they have been recommended by staff in a report dated 2/9/95 and 6/9/95. He noted that Ms. Burgstahler in 1993 indicated that the stables had increased revenues significantly, and improved the health and appearance of the rental stock. In another Department memo it states that in the last 4 years GGPS has successfully managed the stables, has established an excellent credit record, and developed an institutional program that is strongly supported by hundreds of students.

Mr. McCarthy explained that the proposal submitted by GGPS meets all of the Commission's financial requirements and will result in substantial capital improvements for the stables. He said 52 witnesses testified in support of GGPS and were satisfied customers. There is a quality product at the stables and overwhelming public support for the programs offered but there is no such evidence on behalf of the Hambys because they have no such programs. He noted that the credentials of the present management offers 60 cumulative years of teaching, management, training of horses and riding. He outlined the qualifications of ❶Polly Dignan who trained in England and has run a successful program for 5 years, ❷Shay Morris, who has worked as assistant manager for 5 years, ❸Nikki Taylor, with 17 years of experience, ❹Debbie Artsmore, a certified professional instructor since 1986, ❺ Carol Numberg, who has 12 years of experience, and ❻Susan Pommer who came to the stables in 1989 with 5 years prior experience.

Mr. McCarthy explained that the Hamby team could not present a demonstrated track record on the programs offered by their side. But GGPS has initiated trail rides, pony rides, holiday and special occasion rides, public horse leasing program, equestrian video library, jumping lessons, introduction to riding program, lectures, school programs, children summer camp, etc. They plan to offer new carriage rides, a boarding student program, tack shop and food concession, expanded children's camp programs, more advanced level riding instruction, competition, increased horse show schedules, riding clinics, teacher accreditation program and training curriculum, etc.

Mr. McCarthy outlined the improvements planned for the stables including a new office/residence, tack storage, complete renovation of the 5 existing buildings, hay barn renovation, a training area at little speedway meadow, upgrade of the existing central and redwood arenas, paving, lighting and other infrastructure.

In response to the letter submitted questioning the financial ability of GGPS and Jerry Lombardi, Mr. McCarthy explained that Jerry Lombardi is paying off his debt to the Internal Revenue Service. Furthermore, GGPS has received a letter of confirmation from the lending agency that it will lend the necessary money.

Mr. McCarthy said that Mr. Reuben chose to raise legal issues on the language of the RFP. He said that the Hamby group withdrew Mr. Matt Knerr as one of the operators when it was learned that Mr. Knerr's experience was questionable and it was learned that he was 12 years old when he obtained experience at a ranch known as Sea Horse Ranch.

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SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Mr. McCarthy also questioned the experience of Lee and Robin Callison and the requirement that they have 3 years of full time hands on experience at a public stable. However, Mr. McCarthy questioned whether Honey Hill Ranch was a public stable or a family ranch. Further, the owner of El Dorado Ranch stated that at the time the Callisons were at this ranch it was a private horse breeding facility and had no public programs.

Mr. McCarthy explained that Department staff has stated that the Callisons have not produced an advertisement or brochure for any of the facilities they referenced in their experience. He said there is overwhelming evidence that there is a successful operator in place with happy clientele who have served the public and the City well. There was no discussion during public testimony from others discussing the Callison's public stables, or from their veterinarians. He urged the Commission to choose the group that was qualified. He summarized his thoughts by saying the Commission has served the City well without regard to prejudice, passion, or politics and he personally had no doubt that it would act accordingly.

President Immendorf asked Mr. Reuben if any of the requirements in the Request for Proposal (RFP) were altered when staff changed the recommendation.

Mr. Reuben explained that there has never been a regrading and the only possible conclusion is that the Hambys were disqualified.

Mr. Arnold said staff was divided on the recommendation and to regrade the score did not seem appropriate. Additional information has been received since the grading was made and the recommendation dated 6/9/95 is that of himself and the General Manager of the Department.

In response to President Immendorf's statement, Mr. Arnold explained that there was never a regrading and he believed that his staff would recommend the Hamby Team.

President Immendorf questioned staff recommending the award of the lease based on the qualifications outlined in the RFP and then changing its recommendation without regrading the items.

Mr. Arnold said, as an example there are staff members that continue to believe that Matt Knerr meets the minimum qualifications of the RFP. He did not share that belief. That is why he overruled his staff and made the recommendation that was before the Commission. Additionally, at least 2 members of his staff also consider the El Dorado Ranch a public stable. He has a videotape and other written evidence that, in his opinion, contradicts staff's belief and he has overruled them.

President Immendorf wanted to know the legal implications relating to changing the recommendation. He thought both the Hambys and Dignans are well intentioned and probably qualified. But, based on the RFP's minimum requirements, staff made its preliminary recommendation and clearly gave it to the Hambys. Now, staff has gone the other way and he questioned the facts for which staff based its change.

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GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said that much of the evidence presented at this meeting was not available to staff when the original grading was made such as the age of Matt Knerr, and the specific characteristics of El Dorado and Honeyhill Ranch. He had not received any third party evidence in the nature of brochures, ads, and only received individual letters that the kind of program that it is desired at the Golden Gate Park Stables was ever offered at Honey Hill or El Dorado Ranch. He clarified the point that there may have been public programs at these 2 ranches but under the terms of the RFP the Hambys needed to demonstrate and provide that information. He asked for documentation on several occasions, and to date, they have not provided it.

President Immendorf said staff should have been diligent in its investigation the first time when it made its recommendation to the Commission. He asked what the legal implications were by changing the recommendation.

Mr. Arnold said he did not ask his staff to regrade the bids or develop a new numerical scoring system based on the reasons he previously stated. He was convinced that the original conclusions were incorrect and he thought there was little value to regrade the bids based on his opinion alone.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold explained that all of the additional information received was not brought forth by the other bidder. Some of it was submitted by the other bidder; other information was obtained by his own investigation.

President Immendorf said there was no doubt in his mind that both bidders are legitimate, sincere and want to do the job. When he joined the Commission 3 years ago there were many problems with the stables and there was poor cooperation with the current operators at that time. He understood that since that time it has changed but he wondered was it because of the pending award of the lease. It was because of his insistence that the RFP was developed and he originally had hoped that both bidders might form a partnership.

Mr. Arnold said the rating schedule was developed by staff after the RFP was distributed and after the bids were received.

In response to President Immendorf's comments, Mr. Arnold said it is true that some of the items proposed in the lease were based on the submittals of the Hamby team, namely the 7 day a week operation, and some of the maintenance requirements. He asked staff to include stringent maintenance standards in the lease. At the Commission's instruction, a termination clause in the lease has been added for failure to meet the maintenance standards.

Vice President Chan chaired the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting in November of 1994 along with former Commissioner Larry Mazzola and Commissioner Rovetti. He said a decision could have been made based on the staff recommendation. But, at that time, he felt that so many questions were raised as to the validity of the experience of the Hamby management team, that a decision was postponed to look into the challenges. He was suspicious during the Finance Committee meeting that staff might not have done its homework.

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SELECTION OF OPERATOR (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said that Mr. Arnold and Ms. Burns overruled their subordinates. He said there is no requirement that the staff be unanimous in its recommendation just as the Commission only needs 4 votes to approve issues. He felt that the Commission needed to review the facts presented and consider the issue. He was prepared to make a decision and let any legal issues be handled by the City. He viewed this matter as a business decision of a landlord giving 2 competing prospective tenants a lease.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question regarding the dissent among staff on the RFP requirements, Mr. Arnold said he believed that it is an honest disagreement among people who have reviewed the issue. He said it largely pertained to the qualifications of the operators that are being proposed and the nature of the two facilities, Honey Hill and El Dorado Ranch. He did not believe adequate information was provided to show that a public riding program was being offered at either of these two facilities. He said there is some evidence that trail rides and instruction did take place at one time at either of these facilities but no evidence that the programs were in place for a long period of time.

Commissioner Ruiz asked when the management experience of one of the proposed managers was researched and the actual age of the person was discovered did he discuss this issue with the Hambys. Mr. Arnold said he discussed this issue with the Hambys and his staff. Mr. Arnold said that staff continue to maintain that someone between the ages of 12 and 14 could have been a full time manager of a large public stable.

Commissioner Ruiz was impressed with the number of individuals who testified on behalf of one of the bidders. He said it was obvious that there is a business in place that has a demonstrated track record, and while there were some problems with the operator at the beginning, they have been cooperating recently. He hoped that level of cooperation would continue.

Commissioner Rovetti said at the Committee meeting in November 1994, many questions were raised. Unfortunately staff did not investigate all of the issues and he contacted certain people and researched the issue.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-105

RESOLVED, That this Commission selects Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc., as the operator for the Golden Gate Park Stables concession.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Immendorf

6:30 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. President Immendorf was absent from the meeting.

3. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
AWARD OF LEASE

Approval of the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is the actual lease for the stables which will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Commission asked for a more stringent section relating to maintenance which has been incorporated into the lease. The basic structure of the lease provides that the first 2 years shall be rent free. Subsequent to that there will be a percentage rent which will vary depending on the gross income of the stables. The lease is for 15 years with one five year option. Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc., has agreed to the terms of the lease and there will be no further negotiation.

In response to Vice President Chan's question, Mr. Arnold said the lease has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon commented that some of the issues raised include maintenance standards and she thought it important to upgrade the facility to make it the kind of the facility everyone wants. She urged that the relationship between staff and the Dignans be developed so there is a good working relationship between the landlord and tenant.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-106

RESOLVED, That this Commission awards the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables to Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Immendorf

4. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
CONSTRUCTION PLAN

Approval of the construction plan for the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is an attachment to the lease just approved but was presented as a separate item because any building in Golden Gate Park requires a separate, two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors. Therefore, this item will be submitted separately to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. The item before the Commission is the building plan submitted by Golden Gate Park Stables Inc. for the stables. The plan calls for expansion of some of the facilities. The increase in the square footage has already been incorporated into the Golden Gate Park Master Plan which is currently under environmental review with the Department of City Planning. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the construction plan.

4. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
CONSTRUCTION PLAN (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-107

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the construction plan for the Golden Gate Park Stables which shall include: ❶a new office/residence building, of approximately 1,000 square feet, ❷a new arena at the east end of Little Speedway Meadow, ❸a new day barn and ❹reconstruction stalls and arenas.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Immendorf

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS **RES. NO. 9506-108**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period April 4, 1995 through May 31, 1995.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS **RES. NO. 9506-109**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $52,000.00, Recreation and Park Department:

1. From the estate of Mary A. Lohneis, $2,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department.

2. From the Catherine Takamine Trust, $50,000.00, for the Takamine Garden at Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9506-110**
ANIMAL TRANSACTION

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transaction for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

PURCHASED FROM:
Metro Washington Park Zoo, USDA #92-C-001
4001 S. W. Canyon Road
Portland, Oregon 97221
Three (3) Female Barrow's Goldeneye Ducks
Valued at $300 for the group

D. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA** **RES. NO. 9506-111**
MUNI METRO TURNBACK PROJECT

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the MUNI jet grouting beneath 20' x 20' area of adjacent sidewalk at Steuart Street, south of Market.

E. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9506-112**
SPEEDWAY MEADOW
BICYCLE PATH REHABILITATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the rehabilitation of bicycle path adjacent to Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park.

F. **UNITED NATIONS PLAZA** **RES. NO. 9506-113**
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
UNITED NATIONS PLAZA PROJECT DEDICATION AND PUBLIC CELEBRATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of existing amplified sound policy at United Nations Plaza on Monday, June 26, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m., for the United Nations Plaza project dedication and public celebration.

G. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9506-114**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract to Royston Hanamoto Alley and Abey to increase the contract amount by $50,000 for the preparation of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and extension of contract date until August 31, 1996.

H. **POTRERO HILL RECREATION CENTER** **RES. NO. 9506-115**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to M.H. Construction Management Co. in the amount of $394,713 for the renovations to the Potrero Hill Recreation Center

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

I. **BERNAL GYM** **RES. NO. 9506-116**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Seto's Construction Company in the amount of $286,210, for renovations at the Bernal Gym.

J. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9506-117**
PROJECT INSIGHT
OVERNIGHT TRIPS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following overnight trips for the Assisted Recreation Division:

→Project Insight overnight trip for 10-15 teenagers on the American River on June 16-17, 1995
→Project Insight overnight trip for 20 youth to the Point Reyes Youth Hostel with Sea Camp on July 19-20, 1995.

K. **UNION SQUARE** **RES. NO. 9506-118**
LANDMARK DESIGNATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed landmark designation of Union Square.

L. **ROCKY MOUNTAIN NURSERY SCHOOL (PEIXOTTO PLAYGROUND)**
HAIGHT ASHBURY COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL (GRATTAN PLAYGROUND)
ONE YEAR LEASE OPTIONS **RES. NO. 9506-119**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the first of four one year options in the current leases for the Rocky Mountain Participation Nursery School at Peixotto Playground and the Haight Ashbury Cooperative Nursery School at Grattan Playground, effective July 1, 1995.

M. **GOLF COURSES** **RES. NO. 9506-120**
GOLF COURSE MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

RESOLVED, That this Commission has reviewed the golf course memorial bench program as required by Resolution No. 16931, adopted June 16, 1994.

O. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 9506-121**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Irma Vincent in the amount of $1,500.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

P. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA** **RES. NO. 9506-122**
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER CELEBRATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza-Embarcadero Park on Sunday, June 18, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., for the San Francisco Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender celebration.

The Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

Note for the Record: Item 5N was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. The Commission convened in Executive Session from 7:40 p.m. - 7:50 p.m. pursuant to Section 54956 (a) of the California Government Code to discuss this item.

N. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-123

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Mary Ann Castillo in the amount of $7,375.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Immendorf

GENERAL CALENDAR

6. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
UNITED NATIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
EARLY CLOSURE OF ROADS (MUSIC CONCOURSE AND JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE)

Approval of request by the Mayor's Office and the Police Department to close the Music Concourse to automobile traffic by 12:00 Noon and pedestrian traffic by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 1995, for security reasons during the reception at the deYoung Museum for United Nations dignitaries and approval to close John F. Kennedy Drive from Kezar Drive to 10th Avenue from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 p.m.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission previously granted approval to close the Music Concourse area for United Nations 50th Anniversary on Sunday, June 25, 1995. The event has now been moved to Saturday, June 24, 1995. Therefore, staff asked that the same closures that were previously approved for Sunday be approved for Saturday.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

6. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
UNITED NATIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY (Continued)
EARLY CLOSURE OF ROADS (MUSIC CONCOURSE AND JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE)

RES. NO. 9506-124

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by the Mayor's Office and the Police Department to close the Music Concourse to automobile traffic by 12:00 Noon and pedestrian traffic by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 1995, for security reasons during the reception at the deYoung Museum for United Nations dignitaries and approval to close John F. Kennedy Drive from Kezar Drive to 10th Avenue from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 p.m.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK/POLO FIELD**
FENCING PLAN/PERMIT FEES/ROAD CLOSURES
PEARL JAM CONCERT

Approval of Pearl Jam concert to be held on Saturday, June 24, 1995, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., including set up and break down of the event from Monday, June 19, 1995 through Tuesday, June 27, 1995, the necessary road closures in Golden Gate Park, the permit fee and fencing plan for Polo Field in Golden Gate Park.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, said that he was seeking approval for the Pearl Jam concert to be held on Saturday, June 24, 1995 in the Polo Field. He described the diagram of the fencing plan, noting that 2 fences will be used. The outer most boundary of the fence will run from the west end of the park to Speedway Meadow and the inner fence will surround the Polo Field. The purpose of the double fence is to provide added security and to keep the attendees out of the bushes, trees, etc., and force everyone to use the designated path of travel to and from the concert. The inner fence will direct people to the west end of the Polo Field so that crowds will gather from back to the front of the stage area.

Mr. Robinson said the west end of Speedway Meadow will be the main entry point leading into the Polo Field. The perimeter fence will be monitored by 150 personnel from the Bill Graham Presents organization. The event will be monitored by 8 Police patrols on horseback. There will be four squads of uniformed police officers within the event, and a total of 32 police officers monitoring the event the entire day. The stage will be located in the east end of the Polo Field. There will be handicapped seating located adjacent on each side of the stage specifically for those in wheelchairs. There will be a fenced area where beer will be sold in the east end of the Polo Field. No one under 21 will be permitted in this area and all the beer will be consumed within the fenced area.

Mr. Robinson further explained that there will also be paid parking, with a $5.00 charge to park in the west end of the park only for those with Pearl Jam tickets. Cars will be parked parallel along Kennedy Drive and people will be directed where to park so vehicles will not park on grassy areas or unpaved areas.

7. GOLDEN GATE PARK/POLO FIELD FENCING PLAN/PERMIT FEES/ROAD CLOSURES PEARL JAM CONCERT (Continued)

Mr. Robinson held a meeting with Bill Graham Presents and the fee agreed upon is $1.00 per person, with an attendance of 50,000 people. Staff has also negotiated an additional $20,000 donation to Friends of Recreation and Parks from the Bill Graham Presents organization ($10,000 from Bill Graham Presents organization; $5,000 from Pearl Jam and $5,000 from the Bill Graham Presents Foundation). Staff recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question as to whether the $10,000 performance bond should be increased, Mr. Robinson said staff is working with a local organization and if there is some extraordinary damage to the Polo Field, he felt secure Bill Graham Presents would meet its obligation to pay for such damage. Commissioner Rovetti said he was questioning the amount of the performance bond in light of the damage done to Justin Herman Plaza with the recent volleyball event.

President Immendorf said this event is being staged by Bill Graham Presents and they have an excellent reputation and perform professionally.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said one of the concerns she raised at the Committee meeting was the fact that there was great damage to the Polo Field from a previous event and money from the event did not go to the repair the Polo Field.

Mr. Robinson said staff anticipates that there will be an impact on the field but staff will videotape the field before and after the concert to assess the condition of the field.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained that there has been a change in the way the Controller and the Mayor treat the Department's budget so that all revenue raised by this Department as of next fiscal year will go to the General Fund and the Department will be credited for revenues raised. It would be unwise to divert the $50,000 permit fee to the Friends of Recreation and Parks because the Department has pledged to raise $23 Million in revenues for next fiscal year and diverting the funds to the Friends of Recreation and Parks would be detrimental to the Department's operating budget.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, invited a member of the Commission to attend the pre and post inspection tour.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-125

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Pearl Jam concert to be held on Saturday, June 24, 1995, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., including set up and break down of the event from Monday, June 19, 1995 through Tuesday, June 27, 1995, the necessary road closures in Golden Gate Park, the fencing plan, a $50,000 permit fee, and a $20,000 donation to Friends of Recreation and Parks.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

Note for the Record: 6:50 p.m. President Immendorf left the meeting.

8. GLENRIDGE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL
GLEN CANYON PARK
EXTENSION OF LEASE

Approval of a one year extension of the current lease for the Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School program at Silver Tree Day Camp in Glen Canyon, effective 7/1/95.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School is a pre school located in Glen Canyon, better known as the Silver Tree facility. Silver Tree is a day camp the Department operates in the summer and during the school year the building is used as a cooperative nursery school. This has been the practice for a number of years. Last year the Department was considering a long term lease rather than an annual lease, but many questions were raised about automobile traffic in the canyon. Staff asked the Commission to approve a one year lease so that the issue regarding the traffic could be resolved.

Mr. Arnold said that the traffic management plan has not been worked out and yet a decision needed to be made whether to extend the lease for another school year. There are environmental concerns as to whether any automobile traffic should be permitted in the canyon at all. Presently, staff allows people to drive through the canyon in the summer. Therefore, until a plan is finalized he could see no reason to deny the use of the facility for the nursery school for another year. The rent paid to the Department is $600.80 per month

Leslie Schoenberg, said every year they move out in the summer for the Department's Silver Tee Day Camp program. They have been working with Joanne Wilson and Tom Hart of the Department trying to work with the community because the canyon is a wonderful setting for the children She said the Silver Tree Camp program has existed 25 to 30 years because City kids love the canyon. There has been opposition to the traffic situation in the canyon and they submitted a letter explaining how they were working to find solutions.

Commissioner Ruiz asked the rental fee that was charged and the square footage of the building. Ms. Schoenberg explained that 40 children are enrolled in the school, the parents must work in the classroom and they charge $155 a month. The goal is to keep the tuition low because parents must participate in the program. They have 4 paid staff.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-126

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the one year extension of the current lease for the Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School program at Silver Tree Day Camp in Glen Canyon, effective July 1 1995

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent Commissioner Immendorf

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
PERMIT

Approval of a permit to operate the gift shop and other operations at the Conservatory of Flowers, effective August 1, 1995.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item relates to the expiring lease with the Conservatory Foundation for the operation of the gift shop, collection of admissions, and special event rentals at the Conservatory of Flowers. The lease with the Conservatory Foundation expires at the end of July. When this item was considered at the Committee level, it was brought in the form of a revocable month-to-month permit which would be used to extend the operation until staff completes a facility survey of the Conservatory of Flowers. Staff is concerned about the structural integrity of the building and wanted to complete a study before proposing a long term lease or operating agreement. Mr. Arnold said the permit which was proposed calls for certain changes in the conditions under which any operator would be at the Conservatory. The Conservatory Foundation has the right of first refusal and was offered this permit.

Staff is seeking changes in the way some of the monies are handled. Admissions are currently collected by the Foundation through a concessionaire with 100% of those admissions going to the Department. In addition, the Conservatory Foundation receives rent from the gift shop and fees from special events which are placed in a restricted fund. The restricted fund is reviewed by the Commission annually. There is a fund called the unrestricted fund which includes dues, gifts, bequests and fundraising revenues which the Conservatory Foundation has received. Those funds do not require Commission approval but are still to be spent on behalf of the Conservatory.

Staff is seeking a change so that all of the funds raised on behalf of the Conservatory would be deposited into a gift fund under review and approval of the Commission. The gift shop rent would be a flat rate instead of a percentage and it would be a month-to-month permit. The Finance and Candlestick Committee recommended a one year permit and asked staff to meet with the Conservatory Foundation to discuss the changes to the permit. Staff met with the Conservatory Foundation and they have sent a letter indicating that they do not want to continue under the terms of the permit.

Staff now needs to find another operator to collect admissions, operate the gift shop and handle special events, other than those that have already been contracted by the Conservatory Foundation. The Foundation has also submitted a letter asking for support for the continuation of the Foundation as a fundraising agent for the Conservatory and to maintain and control their unrestricted funds rather than those funds being diverted to the Department. This issue is a separate matter that is not under consideration at this meeting. Rather, what is before the Commission at this time is the permit which establishes a basis for the ongoing operation of the Conservatory of Flowers, the gift shop, admissions and special events. Staff does have a concessionaire that is prepared to sign this permit. If the current concessionaire declines, staff will then offer it to someone else.

Commissioner Rovetti wanted to know why the Department had to pay for the study. He was willing to approve a one year lease but wanted a report in 6 months on their fundraising efforts. He was concerned granting a permit when the building might be dangerous.

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
PERMIT (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said the structural survey of the building is being undertaken by staff because it is important that it be done. He had hoped that it would have been done last January.

Wayne Corn, representing the Conservatory Foundation, said the Foundation has been attempting to raise funds over the last year and appreciated that staff supported the need to comply with the pending 7-8 wedding reception contracts that are scheduled up to October 1995. He said the Conservatory Foundation is a non-profit corporation whose unrestricted funds benefit the Conservatory. The Foundation requested to have the first right of refusal but wanted to continue to lobby and fundraise on behalf of the Conservatory. He did not want to change the unrestricted funds because he was concerned that money raised for the Conservatory might go into the City's General Fund rather than to the Conservatory. Mr. Corn explained that the Foundation is not dissolving and that the unrestricted funds must remain within the control of the Foundation.

Lynda Ray, President of the Conservatory Foundation, said they have been in existence for 10 years. She said the Foundation has developed a coalition to benefit the Conservatory of Flowers in a much bigger way. She wanted to work toward matching Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant money which is now under consideration for the Conservatory of Flowers.

Deanna Brinkman, representing the San Francisco Garden Club, said a coalition is being formed with members from the San Francisco Garden Club, Conservatory Foundation, the Victorian Alliance, the Western Addition Society and the San Francisco Architectural Group. They have also presented plans to San Francisco Tomorrow, San Francisco Historical Society, California Historical Society, and San Francisco Beautiful who will be considering their plan at future board meetings. They hoped to talk to garden clubs, horticultural associations and other interested preservation groups. The coalition hopes to the match the monies that are generated by the FEMA grant. She felt it important that each organization be able to keep whatever funds it raises. There was never any intention to pool the funds under one umbrella. She explained that last night the Conservatory Foundation and the San Francisco Garden Club were given twin awards by the California Heritage Council in recognition of forming the coalition to gather funds for the Conservatory

Clare Cangiolosi, explained that five years ago she came to the Conservatory for a work study program and became a volunteer. She enumerated the many problems at the Conservatory such as rotting doors, walls held together with putty and algae, the 500 panes of glass that were lost in the March 1995 storms, etc. Meanwhile, she stated, the Foundation and Department wrangle over who will fund the study. A year ago an internal Department memo was written mirroring structural concerns. Now, there is much talk about another study and who should pay for it. She said the solution is not money for another study but money to fix the Conservatory. She asked the Commission to find an equitable solution.

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
PERMIT (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold explained that staff received a response that the Foundation does not want the permit so the recommendation to the Commission is that it approve the permit. Staff will ask the current concessionaire if he is interested in the permit; if he is not the Commission should authorize staff to offer it to another concessionaire.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-127

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a month-to-month permit to operate the gift shop and other facilities at the Conservatory of Flowers, effective August 1, 1995.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Immendorf

10. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES
REVISION OF GREEN FEES

Consideration to revise golf fee structure at the Recreation and Park Department golf courses, effective July 1, 1995.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that the Commission on 3/18/95 voted to raise green fees. Several green fee proposals were presented and the Commission chose to raise non residents $2.00; residents $1.00, seniors $.50, juniors and students $1.50. Shortly after that meeting, he began receiving complaints from golfers and the pro shop regarding the $1.50 increase for juniors/students. Therefore, he suggested that the Commission adjust the golf fees by adopting a change to the twilight hour rates and deleting the $.50 increase to seniors and $1.50 to juniors/students. This adjusted schedule would generate the necessary $400,000 in revenues and be more popular with the golfers. The twilight rates will spread the amount of play in the afternoon. Presently, the twilight rate is only at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Rovetti said this was discussed at length at the Committee level. He went to Harding Park and discussed the rates with some of the seniors and residents and their recommendation was to not raise the senior rate or youth but to increase the non resident rates.

Mr. Killian said this fee structure will retain the $2.00 fee increase on non residents and the $1.00 fee increase for residents but reduce the fees for seniors, juniors and students. He recommended approval of the revised fee structure.

On recommendation of the Recreation Services Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

10. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES
REVISION OF GREEN FEES (Continued) **RES. NO. 9506-128**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revision to the golf fee structure at the Recreation and Park Department golf courses, effective July 1, 1995, as follows:

HARDING	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS/ HOLIDAYS
Standard	$26.00*	$31.00*
Resident	17.00**	20.00**
Senior	10.00	15.00
Junior	8.00	15.00
Senior after 1:00 pm	7.00	Not Applicable
Back Nine	10.00	12.00
Senior, Back Nine	9.00	Not Applicable
Tournament Rate	31.00	36.00
Twilight Rates		
April (Starting 1st Weekend 2:00 pm)	20.00	24.00
April (Starting 1st Weekend 3:00 pm)	15.00	18.00
April (Starting 1st Weekend 5:00 pm)	10.00	12.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 3:00 pm)	20.00	24.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 4:00 pm)	15.00	18.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 6:00 pm)	10.00	12.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 2:00 pm)	20.00	24.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 3:00 pm)	15.00	18.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 5:00 pm)	10.00	12.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend)		
October (Starting 1st Weekend 1:00 pm)	20.00	24.00
October (Starting 1st Weekend 2:00 pm)	15.00	18.00
October (Starting 1st Weekend 4:00 pm)	10.00	12.00

*Includes $4.00 Surcharge
**Includes $2.00 Surcharge

LINCOLN	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS/ HOLIDAYS
Standard	$23.00*	$27.00*
Resident	15.00**	18.00**
Senior	9.00	14.00
Junior	7.00	14.00
Senior after 1:00 pm	7.00	Not Applicable
Back Ten	8.00	11.00
Tournament Rate	28.00	32.00
Twilight Rates		
April (Starting 1st Weekend 2:00 pm)	18.00	21.00
April (Starting 1st Weekend 3:00 pm)	13.00	16.00
April (Starting 1st Weekend 5:00 pm)	9.00	10.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 3:00 pm)	18.00	21.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 4:00 pm)	13.00	16.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 6:00 pm)	9.00	10.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 2:00 pm)	18.00	21.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 3:00 pm)	13.00	16.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 5:00 pm)	9.00	10.00
October (Starting 1st Weekend 1:00 pm)	18.00	21.00
October (Starting 1st Weekend 2:00 pm)	13.00	16.00
October (Starting 1st Weekend 4:00 pm)	9.00	10.00

*Includes $4.00 Surcharge
**Includes $2.00 Surcharge

10. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES **RES. NO. 9506-128**
REVISION OF GREEN FEES (Continued) **(Continued)**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revision to the golf fee structure at the Recreation and Park Department golf courses, effective July 1, 1995, as follows:

SHARP	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS/ HOLIDAYS
Standard	$23.00*	$27.00*
Resident	15.00**	18.00**
Senior	9.00	14.00
Junior	7.00	14.00
Senior after 1:00 pm	7.00	Not Applicable
Back Nine	7.00	10.00
Tournament Rate	28.00	32.00
Twilight Rates		
April (Starting 1st Weekend 2:00 pm)	18.00	21.00
April (Starting 1st Weekend 3:00 pm)	13.00	16.00
April (Starting 1st Weekend 5:00 pm)	9.00	10.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 3:00 pm)	18.00	21.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 4:00 pm)	13.00	16.00
June (Starting 1st Weekend 6:00 pm)	9.00	10.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 2 00 pm)	18.00	21.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 3 00 pm)	13.00	16.00
September (Starting 1st Weekend 5 00 pm)	9.00	10.00
October (Starting 1st Weekend 1 00 pm)	18.00	21.00
October (Starting 1st Weekend 2 00 pm)	13.00	16.00
October (Starting 1st Weekend 4 00 pm)	9.00	10.00

*Includes $4.00 Surcharge
**Includes $2.00 Surcharge

FLEMING	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS/ HOLIDAYS
Standard	$13.00	$13.00
Resident	7.00	9.00
Senior	5.00	8.00
Junior	4.00	6.00
Tournament Rate	14.00	18.00

GOLDEN GATE	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS/ HOLIDAYS
Standard	$10.00	$13.00
Resident	6.00	8.00
Senior	4.00	7.00
Junior	3.00	5.00
Tournament Rate	12.00	17.00

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan Farrow McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent Commissioner Immendorf

11. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
MAKING WAVES-SAN FRANCISCO MUSIC DAY

Approval of modification of existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza and the grassy area parallel to Steuart Street, near Market Street, on Wednesday, June 21, 1995, from 10:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., for Making Waves, San Francisco Music Day.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request for a modification of the existing sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza. At the Committee level, there was concern expressed about the complaints received from the other events held at Justin Herman. A police officer from the SFPD's Permit Bureau said he would only approve one hour of amplified sound. Since that ruling, there has been further discussions with the Police Department's Permit Bureau and they have now amended their prior decision and have agreed to approve a sound permit from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a total of three hours. Staff recommended that the Commission approve this modification to the amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza. The event promoter will not be using the grassy area but only the Plaza itself. The permit fee will be $400 for this particular event. He recommended approval of the item.

Commissioner Chan said during the Committee meeting he expressed displeasure that the current policy provides for continued modification of the amplified sound policy and asked that it be reviewed in the future.

Dr. Ulrich Sacker, Director of the German Cultural Center, said his project tries to bring cultures together and is part of the United Nations Fifty Year celebration. They have a four hour satellite transmission with other countries, Russia, Germany, and France which his why they needed an extension of the amplified sound. The Police Department did not want to grant a four hour sound permit but has agreed to grant 3 hours. He asked the Commission to concur with this recommendation.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-129

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a modification of existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza, on Wednesday, June 21, 1995, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for Making Waves, San Francisco Music Day.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Immendorf

12. UNION SQUARE
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENT

Consideration of modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Union Square on Sunday, June 25, 1995, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., for the Soka Gakkai International - U.S.A. cultural event.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request for modification of the existing sound policy at Union Square. Staff recommended denial of this request based on previous complaints from the hotels in the Union Square area. The Police Department has not made a definitive denial of this particular request. One of the differences between this request and the prior item is that the Police Department's Permit Bureau has not received the number of complaints relating to amplified sound from Union Square as they have for Justin Herman Plaza. However, if modifications to the amplified sound policy are granted, there may be many similar requests in the future. The Police Department is not pleased with the number of requests to modify the amplified sound policy, nor is the community. Therefore, staff recommended that the existing policy of two hours of amplified sound not be changed.

Commissioner Chan recommended that the Commission concur with the Police Department's Permit Bureau decision regarding the amplified sound for Union Square and that this issue be discussed when the Permit and Reservation Policy is reviewed.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon explained that once a waiver is granted, it sets a precedent for others to ask for waivers. However, she felt that United Nations Fifty year celebration was an unprecedented event.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-130

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Union Square on Sunday, June 25, 1995, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., for the Soka Gakkai International - U.S.A. cultural event.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Immendorf

13. ST. MARY'S PARK
COMMUNITY GARDEN PLAN

Approval of community garden plan on lower level at St. Mary's Park.

Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, Michael Morlin, explained that the lower area of St. Mary's Park is an unused parcel of land. This was at one time a marshy area before the 280 Freeway was constructed. He displayed a conceptual drawing which showed an entrance and loop road for vehicles with the balance of the area to be dedicated for native plant restoration, wetland restoration, and to grow crops on the sloped area. The Department has not used this land for many years and he thought it was a very good design. The work will be done in conjunction with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners. Funding for this project will most likely come from the Mayor's Office of Community Development and other sources. He recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9506-131

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the community garden plan on lower level at St. Mary's Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Immendorf

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of May 4, 1995 with City Planning Commission were approved as presented and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 1995, were approved as presented.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emeric Kalman, said that when there is an item calendared that will take 4-5 hours, the Public Comment item should be at the beginning of the agenda so people would not have to wait hours to give a 2 minute statement to the Commission. He said at the last Commission meeting he raised some issues and he had not received a response. One of the issues was the loss of revenue at the Marina and he asked staff to find a solution to rent all of the empty berths. He also asked when the last management audit was done on the Recreation and Park Department. He said he had not received a written response to his request. All of the issues he raises are done with the intent to raise more revenues or to stop losing money.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that he was not aware that he was supposed to respond in writing to Mr. Kalman's question, but the last management audit done on Recreation and Park was approximately 10 years ago by Harvey Rose, the Board of Supervisors' Budget Analyst. Mr. Rose is still using the recommendations from that audit in their annual budget review.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Mr. Kalman said that an audit that is ten years old is not relevant, particularly with the Department asking for the recent Landscape and Lighting District Assessment. He said that the money spent on the Assessment District should have been used to pay for the cost of an audit.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Board of Supervisors decides which City agencies it will audit and the order in which they shall be audited. Supervisor Barbara Kaufman is asking that a schedule be set up for audits of City Departments.

Philip D. Carleton, said that many weeds were pulled at the last two volunteer work days of the bison paddock. He thanked the Department and the Zoo for allowing the volunteer work days to proceed and he felt that these volunteer efforts save the Department money and are productive. He also expressed concern about speeding in the park and said he has seen cars going 60 and 70 miles an hour. There was a need to control the speeding in the park by stationing more motorcycle officers with radar guns to give people a stiff fine. He finally thanked the Commission for the time and energy they put into the public meeting process.

16. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUNSET DISTRICT MEETING On Monday, the Board of Supervisors held the second of a series of meetings in one of the City's neighborhoods--this one in the Sunset. Several issues affecting the department were raised, including the water level at Lake Merced, a request to have the department install a paved area for tai chi at Parkside Square, a complaint about the level of maintenance of ball diamonds and a compelling presentation by a number of teens on the need for more programs and activities for young people in the Sunset.

PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR ENHANCEMENTS (PRIDE) Late Tuesday afternoon the Mayor announced that while he still supported the concept of an assessment district, he was asking the Board of Supervisors to submit the idea to the voters in November before the district would be established. The resolution to implement the next phase of the assessment process was before the Budget Committee of the Board on Wednesday and after a brief discussion was tabled until the call of the chair. I have been in contact with the Mayor's Office and several members of the Board to see what the next step might be. At this point it seems highly unlikely that it will be enacted this year. We know that at a minimum additional salary savings will be proposed to make up part of the loss that the district was going to raise. Additional reductions may be forthcoming when the impact of the state and federal cutbacks are known.

COLEMAN ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORTS On Saturday, June 3, Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth kicked off a new program called Youth Time aimed at highlighting the needs of youth in the City. As part of that effort, they have published two reports, "10 Urban Sanctuaries" and "Follow the Money," both of which are complimentary of the Recreation and Park Department. In "10 Urban Sanctuaries," one of the programs described is the Friday Night Fun Club run by the Teen Division of the Recreation and Park Department.

16. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

The second report is more comprehensive and attempts to analyze how monies are allocated, what barriers various funders' restrictions create for comprehensive service delivery and makes a series of recommendations for funders and policymakers to consider. They note that prevention programs are more cost effective than criminal justice and note that it costs $3.29 per child a day to provide a Recreation and Park Department service while it costs $42.15 for that same child in the juvenile justice system. In addition, they point out that we have a very equitable process for who qualifies for our programs. Attached is the page of recommendations from the report relating to the Recreation and Park Department. They point out that use of public recreation centers is cost effective. They go on to say: "Despite rhetoric to the contrary, city policymakers do not seem to appreciate the central role this department could play in developing positive opportunities for youth."

AVP BEACH VOLLEYBALL EVENT AT JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA This event, which took place over the Memorial Day weekend, has resulted in the need for major repairs to the lawn area. The event holders did not abide by precautionary conditions that were stipulated in the permit and began setting up before staff was present to monitor their activities with heavy trucks and equipment operating on the grass without protective plywood under the wheels. Although tarps were reportedly used to facilitate cleanup of the sand off of the grass, over 12,000 square feet of grass were still covered with a layer of sand which was not cleaned until June 2. Complaints have been received from the Embarcadero Center about the visual condition of the park. Photographs and a video were made of the area before and after to document the damage. The Department did not receive all permit fees due from the event sponsors, and the Commission will be reviewing the reduction of the fee at a future meeting.

The damaged area of the park has now been rendered unusable by the public until it is resodded and restored. The Black and White Ball decided to not use the area because of its appearance, and the Hyatt Regency's employee picnic had to be rescheduled from July to mid-August. Although the corrective work will be performed by the Department, it is estimated that the cost will exceed the $10,000 performance bond and prevent staff from performing day-to-day tasks

LAKE MERCED - PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB CEASE AND DESIST ORDER The Regional Water Quality Control Board has required that the Pacific Rod and Gun Club cease using lead shots as of January 1995. The Club has requested a continuance of the use of lead shots through the end of 1995. The Regional Board, however, denied their request.

HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER AS CURFEW DETENTION SITE The Mayor's Office has announced plans to utilize the Hamilton Recreation Center as a detention point for curfew violators. Staff has had minimal discussions regarding this proposal, but an official announcement was made last week that Hamilton will be the site utilized for this project. We are very concerned that the negative use of one of our recreation facilities for this purpose will convey. We have worked for three years to make Hamilton into a city-wide teen center where youth can come to feel safe, recreate and participate in positive activities. We are hopeful that we can work with the Mayor's Office to create a positive working relationship with the youth of the City if Hamilton is ultimately used as the detention site.

16. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

MARLBORO ADVERTISING AT CANDLESTICK PARK The Department of Justice has announced a litigation settlement which will affect advertising at Candlestick Park. Specifically, the Marlboro signs adjacent to the main scoreboard and at level of the field will need to be removed under the terms of the settlement. A relocation of these signs within Candlestick Park would seem to conflict with the Commission's policy that no new tobacco product advertising be allowed at Candlestick Park. However, the contract between Philip Morris and Sony's agent (Professional Sports Marketing, Inc.) gives Philip Morris the right of first refusal for advertising space elsewhere in the stadium. The City Attorney has been requested to review this issue. Based on the timelines contained in the announced settlement agreement, it can be anticipated that the Marlboro signs will be removed from their current locations sometime in September or October.

MCATEER HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS EXPLORE GLEN CANYON PARK On May 19, more than 40 McAteer High School teachers participated in an informative hike through Glen Canyon Park to learn about the natural resources in this wonderful park. The day began with a general orientation including a slide show on the department's Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan by Joanne Wilson, Park Planner, followed by a hike through Glen Canyon and a ropes course demonstration. The purpose of the hike was twofold–to further the Commission's policy to develop and implement public education programs about significant natural resource areas and to serve as a prelude to introducing environmental study to McAteer High School students in the near future. By sharing knowledge of the natural resources in Glen Park, it is hoped that the teachers will be inspired to instill in their students a sense of pride and stewardship toward their local parks and open spaces.

CAMP MATHER Jim Lucey, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Structural Maintenance Division, has just returned from Camp Mather. He reports that camp is very green and vibrant with wildflowers blooming everywhere. Bath Houses B and C, as well as Laundry Rooms B and C, have been renovated to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The office has also been upgraded to comply with ADA standards to accommodate disabled employees. All bath houses, kitchens and attendant areas have been painted. An oil base paint was used and should be more durable. All decks have been treated, and the hardwood floors in the dining hall have been refinished. The swimming pool was completely drained, cleaned and resealed, and new sand has been added to the volleyball and children's areas.

The crew, under Dwain Swain, worked very hard to accomplish these projects. He and his crew are to be commended for a job well done.

PACIFICA SEWER TREATMENT PLANT Word was received that the City of Pacifica filed plans for a new treatment facility for several sites including the Sharp Park site. Staff has contacted the Regional Water Quality Control Board and found that the City of Pacifica on, June 12, 1995, selected the north quarry site as the preferred site. The City of Pacifica will be presenting a project schedule to the Regional Board on June 30. Key activities will be site acquisition of the north quarry site and obtaining funding from the State for the proposed treatment facility. Staff will be contacting the Regional Board to assure that the project schedule moves forward and that the proposed sewer treatment plans will not impact park property.

16. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ZOO NEWS The Australian WalkAbout, which opened to the public on June 11, is a multi-species exhibit featuring animals and plants native to Australia. The Zoo's kangaroo collection–grey kangaroos, common wallaroos and wallabies–were relocated to this area from other parts of the Zoo and share their environment with emus and brush turkeys. The area, formerly five separate exhibits, has been transformed into one spacious naturalistic environment, featuring a dry river bed with rocky slopes, plants, trees and grasses native to Australia.

The newly renovated Flamingo Lake exhibit is slated to open June 29, 1995. Renovation included a new filter system, resurfacing of the pool area and newly designed landscaping. Flamingos are the highest priority bird for reproduction at the Zoo. The finished exhibit will provide a much larger naturalistic habitat where flamingos will have the opportunity to breed.

Night Tour 1995, the annual thank you party for members of the Zoo, will take place on July 14, 20 and 29. Each evening will feature behind the scenes tours of Kodiak and polar bears, elephants, giraffes, koalas, Animal Resource Center, Avian Conservation Center, Children's Zoo, Feline Conservation Center, Insect Zoo and the new Australian WalkAbout. This evening event takes place between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. and gives members a chance to see the animals at a time rarely available to the general public as many of the animals get very active at these times. A picnic on the playfield is also available, however, members must pay for this. Each night will feature a variety of live entertainers, face painters, magic shows and free carousel and zebra train rides. Special animal feedings will also take place throughout the evening. Additional Wildlife Theater presentations will also be held.

SPRECKELS TEMPLE OF MUSIC DESIGN AWARD The Spreckels Temple of Music rehabilitation has been awarded a 1995 Federal Design Achievement Award through the National Endowment for the Arts Presidential Design Award Program. The award program is very competitive. It included consideration of more than 400 entries spanning a ten-year period. The awards are granted every four years. The Spreckels Temple of Music was one of 77 winners. The Temple was selected as a winner by seven jurors on a nationally renowned panel. As noted in an earlier General Manager's report, the Spreckels Temple of Music also received an Annual Concrete Award in a California Preservation Foundation Award.

STRYBING ARBORETUM The Strybing Arboretum Society is presenting "A World of Gardens" in celebration of the United Nations 50th Anniversary. The event will be held on Saturday, June 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Garden. For more information, there is a flyer at your places.

SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE At your places are a couple of excerpts from columns in the San Mateo Times and the Pacifica Tribune that speak well of Sharp Park Golf Course.

SF TEEN At your places you will find the June 1995 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

16. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 21, 1995	Board of Supervisors Budget Committee hearing on departmental budgets; 1:30 p.m.; 401 Van Ness
Saturday, June 24, 1995	Board of Supervisors Budget Committee, public testimony on departmental budgets; 9:00 a.m.; 401 Van Ness Avenue
Tuesday, July 4, 1995	Independence Day Holiday
Wednesday, July 5, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, July 5, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, July 6, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, July 11, 1995	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.;
Friday, July 14, 1995 Thursday, July 20, 1995 Friday, July 21, 1995	Night Tour 1995; 6:00-8:30 p.m.; San Francisco Zoo

17. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: No report was submitted to the Commission.

18. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Note for the Record: None of the commissioners submitted an issue to the Commission.

19. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of May 3, 1995
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of June 1, 1995
- Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of June 6, 1995
- Recreation Services Committee Meeting of June 13, 1995

20. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rudolph Domenichini, a retired gardener, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes to Scott Emblidge, Deputy City Attorney and his wife Deborah Holley on the birth of their baby, Wesley, born on June 9, 1995.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Steve Silver, creator of Beach Blanket Babylon, who passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes to Leslie Schemel, former Executive Director of Friends of Recreation and Parks, and her husband, David Schemel, on the birth of their baby girl, born on June 14, 1995

There being no further business, the 705th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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706th REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Sixth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 20, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow (noted present at 2:10 p.m.)
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 1995 were approved as presented.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta
Noes: Commissioners Farrow, Rovetti

2: 10 p.m. Note for the Record: Commissioner Farrow arrived at the meeting.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"*EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION* Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Betty Lim, Safety Officer, is being recognized. Betty came to this department as the safety officer with the mission of reviewing and reducing our workers compensation claims. When our claims investigator retired several years ago, Betty also assumed the responsibility of reviewing all liability claims against the department and working with the City Attorney to resolve these claims. In both of these areas Betty has registered successes far beyond our expectations. Days lost due to work-related accidents have steadily declined, and the department has developed a "get tough" reputation regarding potential claims from the public. A key to her success has been the Central Safety Committee which Betty created and chairs. This Committee provides a peer review forum for all employee injuries, accidents and claims and has helped the Recreation and Park Department to improve employee safety, morale and productivity. Phil Arnold, Assistant General Manager, will make the presentation.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

REPORT CARD ON SAN FRANCISCO'S PARKS Attached is an extensive analysis of the "Report Card on San Francisco's Parks" that was recently published by Parent Advocates for Youth that I hope will provide additional information on the matters raised by that document.

Ms. Burns discussed the report card recently issued by Coleman Advocates and commented that overall she did not disagree with much of the analysis and some of the conclusions reached. She highlighted key issues contained in the report card:

◆**Restrooms** System-wide the Department was downgraded for the condition of restrooms, however, there is not sufficient custodial staff to care for them. In many cases the restrooms are repeatedly vandalized and it is not a good use of funds to keep repairing restrooms that will be immediately vandalized. Small children do not use restrooms because of drug dealing or other illegal activities. Unless staff is on duty to supervise the restrooms, they are locked. Some of the parks were downgraded because of locked restrooms.
◆**Dogs** There are a number of irresponsible dog owners in the City and there is a terrible problem of owners not picking up after dogs throughout the City and letting dogs run loose in the parks. Many neighborhoods are asking that play areas be fenced in parks to keep dogs out. Children are often intimidated by dogs running free and there is no enforcement of the City's leash laws. At Huntington Park, a chauffeur driven limousine drives up to the park, opens the car door to let the dog out to use the park as a restroom; when the dog is finished, it returns to the limousine and the chauffeur drives away. The Department cannot resolve this issue on its own and needs cooperation of the park users and dog owners.
◆**Illegal Activities** in the parks is an ongoing problem and while the Police is cooperative and responsive, patrolling the City's parks is not a high priority because of the other criminal activity. Ms. Ms. Burns has scheduled a meeting with the **Chief of Police, Anthony Ribera**, to talk about what can be done to re-institute the Special Park Police Unit that used to be assigned to work with the Department. As an example, at Mission Dolores a street light is consistently shot out by the drug dealers. The Special Park Police unit could target these kind of on-going problem rather than leaving it to the District stations

Commissioner Chan felt it unfair that the Department was judged by social problems of the park, noting that Boeddeker Park received good grades for maintenance, and playground condition but was given an "F" because of prostitution and adults loitering in the area.

Ms. Burns said that some of the gardeners want to meet with the people who did the grading to explain the problems they encounter in the parks. Overall, the City needs to do more to maintain the parks. She further explained that recently the *Bay Guardian* said the Department was racist in the way it apportioned funds and that it allocated more money to the richer neighborhoods. The example used was Julius Kahn and Mission Recreation Center. The true fact is that Julius Kahn has one part time director who works 25 hours per week. Conversely, Mission Recreation Center has 10 recreation directors that provides over 275 hours of staff time.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CHARTER AMENDMENT - SLUG/CONSERVATION CORPS For many years the San Francisco Conservation Corps (SFCC) and the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) have done a variety of projects for the Recreation and Park Department. In some cases, they have been paid with departmental revenues, Open Space Funds or designated gifts. In others, they have sought and received grants to do projects on our property that the Department was not eligible to receive or was not cost-effective enough to qualify. We have been appreciative of the working relationship with both organizations. Recently, some of our employees have raised a question with the City Attorney about whether SFCC and SLUG can continue to do work on our property, because they do not pay "prevailing wages." Scott Emblidge has concurred and advised that they most effective way to rectify the matter is to propose a Charter Amendment that would clarify the issue. That proposal was introduced on Monday by Supervisor Hallinan and will be heard next week in an effort to qualify it for the November ballot. I will keep you informed as the matter progresses.

BAYVIEW HILL This afternoon the Planning Commission will be reviewing a draft South Bayshore Plan which includes language which could directly affect a planned acquisition of public open space on Bayview Hill. The acquisition of significant natural areas on the northeast slope of Bayview Hill has been endorsed by the Recreation and Park Commission and the Planning Commission for the past three years. At issue, however, has been the proposed acquisition of approximately four to eight acres at the base of the hill along Jamestown Avenue. This property has been used for overflow parking for Candlestick Park. The Planning staff is now recommending that this property, as well as the slope of Bayview Hill, be considered for housing. The development of housing on the slope of Bayview Hill will compromise delicate native plant communities which have been identified on this area of the hill. Development of housing along Jamestown will displace parking for Candlestick Park and increase parking congestion in the Bayview neighborhood during baseball and football events. I will keep you informed of developments on this matter.

COMPLETION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS McLaren Park Vista Overlook: I am pleased to report the completion of John McLaren Park's Vista Overlook, located at the intersection of Visitacion Avenue and Mansell Street. It has been designed to be completely accessible and formalizes a scenic vista overlooking San Francisco Bay. It includes pedestrian pathways, garbage receptacles, benches, vehicular parking and an attractive, drought-tolerant landscape This project supports the policy of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City's Master Plan to further develop McLaren Park into a high quality, city-serving park by capitalizing on the site's viewpoints and by extending the internal trail system to the edge of the park boundary. It was funded through the voter-approved 1987 Park Bond at a budget of $278,000.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

COMPLETION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS (Continued) West Portal Playground: The renovation of the children's play area at West Portal Playground has been substantially completed. The only remaining work to be done is the renovation of a lawn area, which is expected to be completed in August. The new play area includes a tot area with a play "choo-choo" train and play structures for older youngsters that include bridges, slides and climbing apparatus. There are also new swings (standard and tot size) as well as disabled access throughout the play area (including an access ramp on the east side of the play area). The new play structures are very well used, and the West Portal Neighborhood Association sent the Department a letter of appreciation. This neighborhood organization also donated $2,000 to pay for the train play structure. The play area project was designed and managed by the Landscape Architecture Division of the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, and constructed by A. R. Construction Company. Total cost of the project was $298,000 and was funded through Open Space Program.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN In a recent action, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution urging the Mayor to urge the Recreation and Park Commission to reject the recommended closure of the Sunset Boulevard entrance to Golden Gate Park and the prohibition of left turns eastbound from Crossover Drive onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, as outlined in the Circulation Plan, Objective III, of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan proposal. These specific items were included in the draft Master Plan at the request of many citizens and community groups and was supported by the Commission on the Environment and SPEAK, a San Francisco neighborhood organization. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan, which includes the above proposals in the Circulation element, is now undergoing environmental review. The intention of the environmental review process is to look specifically at impacts in an objective manner and to provide alternatives in cases where specific proposed actions may create adverse impacts. Once the environmental review document is reviewed by the Commission and can be certified by the Department of City Planning, the Golden Gate Park Master Plan will be brought forward to the Recreation and Park Commission for final approval.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND TEAMSTERS 856 On July 5, Teamsters Union Local 856 left negotiations with the Zoological Society that had been ongoing since last December without scheduling another meeting. The Society had made a proposal and the Union did not respond. Agreement was reached on many issues; the wages and and working conditions continue to be at issue.

In the 15 years of the Society's relationship with the Teamsters, they have always reached agreement working for the betterment of the working environment and the Zoo. They have every expectation of reaching agreement now as well. The bargaining unit represents 56 of 277 employees--Society animal keepers, merchandise and ride operators and maintenance, utility and admissions workers. The Society believes they have demonstrated professional management and made great progress under the lease agreement with the City in a partnership that respects the rights of both public and private sector employees. Civil Service animal keepers, also represented by Teamsters Local 856, recently concluded contract negotiations with the City. Their contract remains in effect until June 1998. In the event of a work stoppage by Society employees, civil servants would be governed by City and County Charter Section 8.346, which prohibits strikes.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

LILA WALLACE GRANT Last week a team from the Lila Wallace Foundation was in San Francisco to review progress of the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the City on the requirements of the $1.6 million matching grant we have received for the West End of Golden Gate Park and to work on development of the Urban Park Institute that is part of their Urban Park Initiative. To date, the Friends have raised about $100,000 toward their projects and have hired 10 students through Workreation and Enterprise for High School Students to work in various sections of the park. I know they would welcome the active participation of the Commission in their fundraising efforts. Lila Wallace staff have asked for my active participation in the development of the Urban Park Institute. I will be reviewing with them a variety of topics that have been covered by the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance as well has other topics that I think would be helpful to urban park systems throughout the country. I am pleased that San Francisco will be among the cities that will help define this important new undertaking.

LOG SALE Storm damage and reforestation efforts generate a substantial amount of logs and woody debris each year. The Department has explored numerous strategies for selling or otherwise disposing of the large logs. It has proven to be nearly impossible to sell the wood. Since 1988, following a study by the California Energy Commission, the Department has accumulated the logs for irregular periods and then contracted to have the material chipped. It is then recycled as mulch. This spring, following media reports of the large amounts of trees down from storms, the Department was contacted by a forest products company offering to purchase the wood. City Charter requires that the sale of any surplus product be administered by the Purchasing Department. Unfortunately, it took until mid-June before a mutually agreeable contract had been signed. The contract is for a period of one year. The contractor expects to begin taking the logs beginning August 1, 1995.

GIANTS IN THE COMMUNITY AWARD The San Francisco Giants have recognized as an outstanding achiever Fatima Carter with their "Giants in the Community" award. Ms. Carter is in our Workreation program and is assigned to work on SF TEEN. This is a very prestigious award because only three young people were so recognized and are among 14 individuals who will be recognized this season by the Giants. Our hearty congratulations are in order for Ms. Carter.

GILMAN PLAYGROUND AND BURBANK SCHOOL YARD In response to the recent newspaper article on the conditions in the Double Rock housing project, the director of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Office, Katherine Feinstein, generously arranged to transfer $50,000 to the Recreation and Park Department for summer programs at Gilman Playground. These funds will be used to provide one of our most creative summer programs ever. A van will transport 40 youth per day to four separate day camps throughout the City. Ten youth will be employed as part of our Workreation Program. The Junior Giants Program will establish a league at Gilman for neighborhood youth. At your places you will find a complete list of activities made available because of these funds.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

GILMAN PLAYGROUND AND BURBANK SCHOOL YARD In addition to the funds for Gilman, Ms. Feinstein's office also provided $3,000 for Recreation staff at Luther Burbank School Yard. The lack of recreation facilities in the Excelsior District has created the need for this department to utilize alternative facilities in order to meet the needs of the youth in this area. Recreation staff will supervise the Burbank School Yard from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. daily throughout the summer months. Sports teams and special summer outings will be a major focus of the program at this facility. We are most appreciative of the efforts of the Mayor and Ms. Feinstein for their assistance in these high need communities.

SMART 'N SAFE JAMBOREE This event presented children with a series of interactive/educational activities in health, safety, and environmental awareness. Twenty-three agencies took part in the first Smart 'n Safe Jamboree on July 10: the San Francisco Police and Fire Departments, the Water Department, Paramedics, SPCA, Recycle Center, Graffiti Prevention, Clean City Coalition, Youth Leader Institute, Club Live, American Lung Association, Girl Scouts, SCRAP, SLUG, PC&E, CSAA, Lead Prevention, U.S. Forest Service, Recreation and Park Department Urban Forestry, Argonne Playground and the Randall Museum. Children were given a passport and had to participate in all activities to be eligible for a prize and to enter a drawing for two bicycles. Highlights included a stop, drop and roll–with a crawl in and out of a tent filled with theatrical "smoke"–and appearances by McGruff, Woodsy Owl and Smokey the Bear. Approximately 1,000 children attended this event.

FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS ANNUAL FIELD DAY On Thursday, August 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Friends of Recreation and Parks will sponsor "Rainbow, a Jam Fest for Kids" in Sharon Meadow. This event will feature multi-cultural entertainment, games and arts and crafts for kids. Entertainers will include the San Francisco Taiko Rising Starts, Monkey Thump Puppets, Red Panda Acrobats and Shakespeare in the Park. Please mark your calendars to come out for this exciting event.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months of February, March, April, May and June 1995:

February			
Humbert, George D.	$3,400.00	Washington, Romeo	$635.64
Douglas, Stephen N.	1,690.76	Lew, Willlam	504.75
Slu, Johnny	170.00		
March			
Fung, Henry	$ 100.00	Peterson, Norma	$2,220.00
Foggarty, Pam & John	3,000.00	Foggarty, Pam & John	5,000.00
Lucchesi, Anthony Paul	247.45	Wilson, Jesse	229.03
Guheen, John J.	414.34	Bustamante, George L.	100.91
Wilson, Peter S.	1,200.00	Louie, Bill	345.63
Grant, John C.	2,218.95	Wong, Wing J.	344.82
April			
Winter, Stephen	$ 59.99	Riggs-Dayao, Luz	$ 571.74
Barron, Margaret	1,224.67	Hattori, Masaaki	295.47
Paraventi, Paul	1,706.48	Hickey, Joseph P.	390.81
Pastore, Robert E.	200.00	Koff, Rachel	53.25
Von Merta, Barbara	110.00	Pinpin, Randolph	1,566.80
Pinpin, Randolph	206.29		

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS (Continued)

May			
Boskoff, Catherine	$3,000.00	Bartlett, Bill	$1,305.07
Smith, Nikitia Karon	4,161.71	Kwok, Keith K.	2,683.00
Michel, Arthur H.	221.33	Gaggero, Laurie	257.77
Rubel, Laurie	3,722.00		
June			
Read, Tyson	$5,000.00	Bartlett, William	$4,023.01
Koehler, Samantha	1,850.00	Ko, Paul	87.00
Goldman, John Edward	355.54		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 1, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, August 3, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, July 20, 1995 Friday, July 21, 1995"	Night Tour 1995; 6:00-8:30 p.m.; San Francisco Zoo

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 9507-132

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period June 1, 1995 through July 3, 1995.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS — RES. NO. 9507-133

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $96,363.98, Recreation and Park Department:

1. From the Friends of Recreation and Parks, two (2) vans, valued at $42,036.37, for the Recreation Division.

2. From The National Society of Colonial Dames in California, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for the Adopt a Statue Fund.

3. From California Trails Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Volunteer Services and Recognition Fund.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS (Continued) **RES. NO. 9507-133 (Continued)**

4. From the Giants Community Fund, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $10,000.00, for the Project Insight Fund.

5. From the Northern California Grantmakers, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

6. From Bill Graham Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $300.00, for the Teen Newspaper Fund.

7. From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for the Park Maintenance Program.

8. From the Estate of Melba Jule Grayson, $7,472.61, for the summer concerts held at Sigmund Stern Grove.

9. From Northern California Grantmakers Summer Youth Project, $26,705.00, for the Recreation Division.

10. From Henry Mally, a shredder/grinder, valued at $350.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS **RES. NO. 9507-134**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

TRADE TO:
Marine World, USDA #93-C-021
Marine World Parkway
Vallejo, CA 94589
One (1) unknown sex kookaburra valued at $200

TRADE FROM:
Marine World, USDA #93-C-021
Marine World Parkway
Vallejo, CA 94589
One (1) male miniature donkey valued at $200

DONATION FROM:
Gillis Grove Birds
1334 Gillis Road
Stockton, CA 95215
One (1) male and one (1) female brush turkey

DONATION FROM:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
370 Amapola Ave., Suite 114
Torrance, CA 90501
Colony of walking sticks

DONATION FROM:
Whitney Anderson
35760 Niles Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94536
Colony of walking sticks

DONATION FROM:
Donna Tyron
22021 Surfrider Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
One (1) female Virginia Opossum

DONATION FROM:
Rabbit Connection
P. O. Box 14
Belmont, CA 94002
One (1) female rabbit

PURCHASED FROM:
Burnett Park Zoo, USDA #21-C-040
1 Conservation Place
Syracuse, NY 13204
One (1) female Blue Crowned Motmot, valued at $375

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

D. **HERZ, PARKSIDE AND HUNTERS POINT PLAYGROUNDS** **RES. NO. 9507-135**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves award of contract to Watkin & Bortolussi, Inc., to install new irrigation for playing fields at Herz, Parkside and Hunters Point playgrounds.

E. **RANDALL MUSEUM** **RES. NO. 9507-136**
MATHER EARTH ADVENTURE CAMPS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Randall Museum's Mather Earth Adventure Camps on July 24-28, 1995 and August 1-5, 1995 for youth ages 9-12.

F. **LAKE MERCED** **RES. NO. 9507-137**
HARDING PARK BRIDGE
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Miller/ Thompson Constructors, Inc., in the amount of $413,426, for the construction of Harding Park pedestrian bridge and disabled access.

G. **STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 9507-138**
GIFT FUNDS

RESOLVED, That this Commission authorizes staff to request approval from the Board of Supervisors to set up interest bearing accounts for the Gilliland Gift Fund, the Takamine Gift Fund and for other gift funds, for use by the Recreation and Park Department.

H. **CAMP MATHER** **RES. NO. 9507-139**
STRAWBERRY BLUEGRASS MUSIC, INC.
EXTENSION OF LEASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an extension to the current lease with Strawberry Music, Inc. to produce and present the Spring and Fall Music Festivals at Camp Mather during the 1996 calendar year.

I. **CAMP MATHER** **RES. NO. 9507-140**
CAMP STORE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the one-year extension of the current lease with Strawberry Music, Inc. for the operation of the camp store at Camp Mather for the 1996 camp season.

J. **OCEAN BEACH** **RES. NO. 9507-141**
KITE CONCESSION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a six (6)-month revocable permit to operate a kite rental and sales concession at Ocean Beach.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

K. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA **RES. NO. 9507-142**
HUMAN BOWLING NATIONAL WORLD TOUR EVENT
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two day event at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, 1995, for Comedy Central's Human Bowling National World Tour.

L. GOLDEN GATE PARK/MUSIC CONCOURSE **RES. NO. 9507-143**
PON & HOM CONCESSIONAIRE
FOOD AND PRICE INCREASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the menu additions and price increases for the food concession operated by Pon and Hom in the Music Concourse of Golden Gate Park, effective July 24, 1995.

ITEM	CURRENT PRICE	PROPOSED PRICE
Beer (12 oz.)	$2.00	$2.50
Fresh Popcorn (3 oz.)	New Item	$2.50
Hot Dog (8 to a pound)	$1.90	$2.00
Hot Drinks (10 oz.)	New Item	$ .90

M. LAKE MERCED **RES. NO. 9507-144**
PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the San Francisco Police Department to use the Pacific Rod and Gun Club for shotgun training for the Police Academy on the following dates and times:

August 3, 17 and 24	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
September 14	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
October 5, 12, 19 and 26	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

N. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM **RES. NO. 9507-145**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of the litigated claim filed by Virginia Wheeler in the amount of $16,250.

The Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY SOUTH AMERICAN GATEWAY

Approval of San Francisco Zoological Society's South American Gateway Exhibit.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the South American Gateway Exhibit will be located on a 4 acre site at the Zoo. There will be a main entrance building and a series of exhibits, a bird aviary, and underwater viewing area. Zoo staff is hoping to train a group of macaws to fly from the old aviary to a perch in front of the South American Gateway Exhibit several times a day. The entry building will house a mixed exhibit of primates, tapirs, capybara, pudu (a small South American deer) water fowl, and turtles. There will be trees, bushes, and rock work to simulate a river bank to give a sense of a seasonal forest. Other features in the exhibit include a strangler fig area that will have lizards and emerald boa constrictors from South America, a nurse log display and a 9,000 square foot aviary. The exhibit will also have interactive devices so people will be able to hear bird calls, a day room, where the primates may come into a heated quarter when it is cold outside and a 3,000 gallon fish tank for South American freshwater sticklers. The exhibit has also been designed to allow behind the scenes tours, docent classes, etc., so people can see the night quarters, the food preparation, and all of the operational areas.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9507-146

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Society's South American Gateway Exhibit.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

6. WASHINGTON SQUARE COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION EVENT MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND

Consideration to modify the existing sound policy at Washington Square to extend sound until 11:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6,1995, for "Dancing Under the Stars", sponsored by the Columbus Day Celebration Committee.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request to modify the existing sound policy at Washington Square. The current policy states that amplified sound is allowed for a maximum of 4 hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The event will feature a five piece band and a dance floor to be placed in front of Sts. Peter and Paul church adjacent to Washington Square. Canvas walls or a link fence will be erected around the park and a tent. An admission fee of $25.00 will be charged and the expected attendance is 300-400 people. The service fee is $1,500 or 20% of the gross gate receipts. Ms. Woo said she received a phone call prior to the meeting from the Mayor's Office requesting that the fee be waived for this event. Staff recommended denial of the request for amplified sound because of possible disturbance to the community and the precedence this request may create.

6. WASHINGTON SQUARE
COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION EVENT
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND (Continued)

Ms. Woo further explained that at the Committee level, possible alternatives were discussed and the event sponsor was asked to check to see if the time of the event could be adjusted to conform with Commission policy. Since that meeting, letters of support have been received from the North Beach Neighbors, the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, and the North Beach Chamber of Commerce.

President Immendorf said this event celebrates Columbus Day and he could not imagine that the neighbors would be upset. He was not concerned about the precedent issue.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon explained that the waiver of the service fee was not considered at the Committee level.

Mary Sangicomo, representing the Columbus Day Celebration Committee, said the community supported the extension of the amplified sound policy. The Parks and Planning Committee asked them to consider some alternatives and to limit the music to 10 watts of sound. She spoke to the band leader who informed her that he could not do that. She considered moving the time frame of the dance up to 6:30 p.m. and while it is viable she hoped to have people dine in the North Beach area prior to the dance.

Commissioner Quaranta said it is not a problem to have the amplified sound to 11:00 p.m. and the community supported it.

Commissioner Chan said he had a problem modifying the Commission's amplified sound policy again and again. He said either the Commission considers each item on a case by case basis or it has a policy that it follows. He urged the Commission to take a long look at the current policy because exceptions are frequently made.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said last month the Commission granted several exceptions to the sound policy because of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. She concurred that the Commission should review the current policy.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Woo said that the event held in 1992 for the illumination of the park received no complaints.

Commission Secretary, Shauna Marie Rose, explained that the waiver of fee was not advertised so the Commission should not consider this issue.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 9507-147

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification to the existing sound policy at Washington Square to extend sound until 11:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6,1995, for "Dancing Under the Stars", sponsored by the Columbus Day Celebration Committee.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
VOLLEYBALL PRO BEACH TOUR
REDUCTION OF FEE

Ratification of reduction of fee for the multiple day event for the Pro Beach Volleyball Tour held on May 24-29, 1995 at Justin Herman Plaza.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that when the Commission considered this item in April there were three provisions: ❶a service fee of $3,375, ❷a performance of bond of $10,000 to be posted for potential damage; and ❸a concession fee of $5,000 or 50% of the gross gate, whichever is higher.

When the permit was actually issued, 2 invoices were sent, the original invoice included all three of the items stated above and the second invoice omitted the $5,000 fee. The representative of the promoter, the SF Sports Council, feels there was a misunderstanding as to actual fee, and feels that the fee should be half of the 50% of the gross gate receipts. The promoter said the sponsor would never have agreed to this fee structure and, when they discussed this matter with staff, after the Commission had approved the fee, staff eliminated the $5,000 concession fee in a second invoice.

In response to Commissioner Chan's statement, Mr. Arnold said he did not think that staff had the authority to eliminate an approved fee.

President Immendorf said it is obvious that staff is divided on this issue and when he received a telephone call from the Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, he was asked if he thought there would be any objection by the Commission if staff reduced the fee based on this misunderstanding. He thought there was a genuine misunderstanding with the promoters of the event and was attempting to resolve this issue by reducing the fee. President Immendorf said he did not think the Commission would overrule staff.

Mr. Arnold said this event is difficult and has caused damage to Justin Herman Plaza. Several people are caught in the middle, including the Sports Council. He recommended that the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP), who made money from this event, be charged a fee.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said there are two issues, the clarification of the gross gate receipts versus the total share and the waiver of the $5,000 fee.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, said there was never an attempt by staff to alter or change the policy that was approved by the Commission. He informed Russ Hafferkamp of the Sports Council that staff did not have the authority to change the fee adopted by the Commission and told him that the Commission would have to consider the proposal of 50% of the gross gate receipts as opposed to the $5,000 minimum. Mr. Robinson agreed to send Mr. Hafferkamp a separate invoice and if the Commission did not approve the new fee structure then the original invoice would remain in effect.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Robinson said a check in the amount of $1795 was given to staff, which is 25% of the gross gate receipts. The request before the Commission is to approve $3,400 rather than $5,000.

7. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
VOLLEYBALL PRO BEACH TOUR
REDUCTION OF FEE (Continued)

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said the Department received the $3,375 service fee and the $10,000 performance bond. Mr. Robinson said the entire performance bond was needed to completely resod the area and they have not been billed for an additional $500 for extra clean up.

Russ Hafferkamp, representing the S. F. Sports Council, said he felt that he had paid the entire invoice and met the terms of the permit. He said the permit clearly states the fee and does not reference a $5,000 fee. Before he sent the check, he gave a letter to the Permits Division pointing out that the concession fee was 50% of whatever they received. He felt that there was some misunderstanding among staff and much hostility surrounding this event. He said that normally the Permits Division only charges 25% of the gross gate receipts.

President Immendorf asked if it was true that the normal fee charged is 25% of gross gate receipts. Mr. Robinson said in most cases the fee charged is 25%. However, since a permit fee was not paid last year coupled with the fact that the promoter made misrepresentations that there would be no concessions, or revenues generated from the event, the Commission and staff recommended that this year's event be 50% of the gross gate receipts.

Mr. Hafferkamp said he understood the permit fee to be 50% of the gross gate receipts that he took in. He felt he had met the terms of the permit. He explained that he has appeared before the Commission several times to resolve this issue and that he had done everything asked of him.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked why the permit was issued without the $5,000 fee. Mr. Robinson said it was not in the original permit but it was in the invoice that was sent to Mr. Hafferkamp. Mr. Hafferkamp said that San Francisco is the worst City with which to do business. and did not concur with the suggestion that the AVP be billed for the balance of the fee.

President Immendorf said he was under the impression that the issue would be considered by the Commission.

Commissioner Chan felt that because there were so many circumstances surrounding this matter it should be tabled so that he could discuss the issue with staff.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Hafferkamp said he complied with the terms of the permit with regard to placing plywood on the turf. He further explained that following his event, there was the Black and White Ball and the Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood **Parks, Mike Morlin,** said that trucks accessed the area without plywood under the wheels; and the tarp did not protect the turf from the sand.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, this issued was tabled.

8. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA AND EMBARCADERO PLAZA BLACK AND WHITE BALL REDUCTION OF PERMIT FEE

Consideration to reduce the permit fee for the 1995 Black and White Ball held on June 16, 1995 at Justin Herman Plaza.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the original permit fee approved was $8,000. The fee was based on the assumption that the Plaza would be fenced off, a ticket would be needed to access the Plaza, and there would be a tent and carrousel erected on the Plaza. Subsequent to the Commission action, the tent and the carrousel were not placed on the Plaza, and the fence was erected outside of the Department's property line. However, one still needed a ticket in order to use the Plaza and essentially this event was a privatization of public property. Staff recommend that the fee not be reduced.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, said the event promoter asked for a reduction when they changed their use of the Plaza. He further stated that it is very difficult to develop fees for the many varied events that take place on park property. The Permit Division is constantly asked for consistency in the fees charged. The event promoter has asked for a reduction in fee from $8,000 to $3,700 because the Black and White Ball changed the use of the Plaza.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said that even though the tent was not erected the same number of people used Justin Herman Plaza to access other venues.

Commissioner Ruiz said that although the fence was not placed on Recreation and Park property, the Plaza was enclosed by a fence in and one needed a ticket to step onto Justin Herman Plaza. Technically, the Plaza was not accessible to the public.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9507-148

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the reduction in the permit fee for the 1995 Black and White Ball held on June 16, 1995 at Justin Herman Plaza.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said that the permit fee structure needed to reviewed and analyzed because it is too complicated.

Note for the Record: *Contrary to what was reported by the Assistant General Manager, the carrousel was erected on the plaza.*

Note for the Record: Items 9 and 10 were considered together.

9. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Consideration of the request to submit a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $1,250,000 for the following Recreation and Park Department programs:

Athletic Field Renovations	$265,000	Recreation Program Expansion	$615,000
Custodial Maintenance	$200,000	Golf Maintenance	$170,000

10. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Consideration of the request to submit a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $502,223 for building maintenance for the Recreation and Park Department.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that when the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors completed the 1995-96 budget it asked the Recreation and Park Department to submit a Supplemental Appropriation. Supervisor Tom Hsieh asked the Department to develop a $1,500,000 plan for needed programs and services. The $1,500,000 supplemental appropriation will be used to fund play field renovations, custodial maintenance, golf course maintenance and expansion of recreational programs. The $502,223 supplemental appropriation will be used to hire craft positions to re-establish a preventive maintenance program for the Department's facilities. The items were separated at the request of the Mayor's Budget Office.

Commissioner Ruiz said that these two items were done at the suggestion of Supervisor Hsieh and felt that the Supervisor should be appropriately commended for his support of Recreation and Park.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Mr. Arnold said the programs considered were those that had been previously contemplated by the now defunct Landscape and Lighting District Assessment District (the special assessment district-PRIDE).

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9507-149

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the submission of a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $1,250,000 for the following Recreation and Park Department programs:

Athletic Field Renovations	$265,000	Recreation Program Expansion	$615,000
Custodial Maintenance	$200,000	Golf Maintenance	$170,000

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the submission of a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $502,223 for building maintenance for the Recreation and Park Department

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

10a. FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS PROMOTION AND MARKETING POLICY FOR NEW MEMBERS

Approval of marketing and promotional policy under which new members of the Friends of Recreation and Parks would receive admission discounts to Recreation and Park Department facilities.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Friends of Recreation and Parks has developed a promotional policy to attract new members. It has been very successful and membership has doubled. They would like to offer new members discounted admissions to Recreation and Park facilities. This item is direct marketing to the Department's main support organization. Each of the coupons, will have an expiration date.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9507-151

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the marketing and promotional policy under which new members of the Friends of Recreation and Parks will receive admission discounts to the following Recreation and Park Department facilities:

- ◆2 for 1 admission - Golden Gate Park Carrousel
- ◆2 for 1 admission - Japanese Tea Garden
- ◆2 for 1 admission - Coit Tower
- ◆2 for 1 admission - City Swimming Pools
- ◆2 for 1 admission - Golden Gate Tennis Courts
- ◆50% off Golden Gate Park Group Picnic Reservation
- ◆50% off a round of Golf or 2 for 1 Green Fees at City Golf Courses

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note for the Record: No public comment was received.

12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

13. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Ruiz asked for a status report on Dolores Park, Alioto Mini Park, and Bernal Heights Playground.

◆**Dolores Park:** Mr. Arnold explained that the Project Manager has been assured that the proper soil will be brought in for the Dolores Park soccer field.
◆**Alioto Mini Park:** The City is developing language for a Charter Amendment which would allow the City to do business with non-profit organizations such as the League of Urban Gardeners and the San Francisco Conservation Corps, so that projects like Alioto Mini Park can be completed. Alioto Mini Park is being renovated with the assistance of the San Francisco Conservation Corps.
◆**Bernal Heights Playground:** Commissioner Ruiz said there is a lack of programming at Bernal Heights, the congregating of undesirables at the park and poor staff morale. Mr. Arnold was surprised to hear of this situation since the contract had just been awarded to renovate the gym and the playground is being re-designed. Mr. Arnold said that he will look into this issue.

14. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of June 7, 1995
- Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of July 5, 1995
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of July 6 1995

15. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti, who is hospitalized.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Kenneth Perry, a gardener, who is recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sharon de Leon, wife of Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon, who is recovering from aneurysm surgery.

There being no further business, the 706th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up

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707th REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Seventh Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 17, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta (noted present at 2:45 p.m.)
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 1995 were approved as presented.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Quaranta, Rovetti

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Linda Woo, Supervisor of the Permits and Reservations Section of the Recreation Division, is being recognized. Ms. Woo is responsible for the oversight of the issuance of over 20,000 permits per year. As the permit process has become more complicated and difficult, Ms. Woo has managed to maintain the highest level of professionalism and courtesy, even in very trying situations. Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, will make the presentation.

JERRY GARCIA MEMORIAL The sudden death of Jerry Garcia, lead guitarist of the Grateful Dead, prompted a hastily organized memorial at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park. Coordinated by the Mayor's Office and Bill Graham Presents, some 20,000 people attended the gathering that took place on Sunday, August 13. There was minimal impact on the park.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

JERRY GARCIA MEMORIAL (Continued) Access to the park for parking was limited as in other large events, thus eliminating the damage to lawn strips and planted areas, which has often been a problem in the past. The Department of Public Works (DPW) provided garbage compactor trucks during the course of the event, and garbage was loaded and trucked away as it accumulated. The Sheriff's Work Alternative Project (SWAP) and a DPW street sweeper were used to clean the field and area following the event, leaving a minimum of garbage--mainly on surrounding roadways--on Monday morning. Some damage occurred to the irrigation on the field (approximately $1,500), and some camping occurred in the park before and after the event. Excellent cooperation was received from the Police Department and Bill Graham Presents. I would like to recommend that the Commission thank DPW for their assistance. Special appreciation goes to Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, Elvin Bridges, Park Section Supervisor, and James O'Keefe, Gardener, who worked long hours on the planning and on-site supervision over the weekend.

EMPLOYEE COMMENDATION On July 21, one of our gardeners, Richard Weinberger, tried to save a life by administering CPR to a stricken patron at Lafayette Park. A bystander who observed the ten-minute CPR exercise took the time to call our office to commend our employee for his effort, which was beyond the call of duty. Mr. Weinberger will be honored at the Asian Art Museum on September 18, when we will be hosting a reception and private showing of "Mongolia: The Legacy of Chinggis Khan."

GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES On August 7, 1995, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance for a 15-year lease between the City and County and Golden Gate Parks Stables to operate a horse stable in Golden Gate Park. The Board also approved a resolution authorizing the erection, enlargement and expansion of structures within the demised premises of the stables.

CHARTER AMENDMENT - SLUG/CONSERVATION CORPS The Board of Supervisors has adopted language that will be before the voters in November as a Charter amendment that would allow City departments, including the Recreation and Park Department, to hire the San Francisco Conservation Corps and the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners for work on City property at an established training wage rather than a prevailing wage. This would be accomplished through an ordinance approving contracts with either organization.

ST. MARY'S SQUARE A Decaux toilet is in the process of being installed at St. Mary's Square. The company is working with on-site staff to resolve any installation glitches. The toilet should be in place by early September.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - "IN THE NEWS" At your places are excerpts from various newspapers regarding the Recreation and Park Department:

◆The San Francisco Bay Guardian: Several Recreation and Park Department sites received "Best of the Bay" awards.
◆The City Voice: Picture showing youth participating in the Teen Services Division's Camp Gourmet Program at Stern Grove.
◆San Francisco Examiner: Editorial giving "high fives" to the Recreation and Park Department--and special recognition to Recreation Director Jon Greenberg--on the Bay Area Pro-Am Summer League and the Women's Summer League.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ZOO NEWS Demolition of the old leopard cages is scheduled to begin the week of August 21, 1995.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, August 18, 1995	Young People's Musical Theatre Company:Saturday, August 19, 1995 "British Invasions, A Musical Review"; 8:00 p.m.; Randall Museum Theater
Sunday, August 20, 1995	Young People's Musical Theatre Company: "British Invasions, A Musical Review"; 2:00 p.m.; Randall Museum Theater
Monday, September 4, 1995	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 5, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, September 6, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, September 7, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Sunday, September 10, 1995	Opera in the Park; 1:30 p.m.; Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park
Tuesday, September 12, 1995	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; Location to be determined
Monday, September 18, 1995	Mongolian Exhibit; 5:30-8:00 p.m.; Asian Art Museum

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS **RES. NO. 9508-152**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period July 3, 1995 through August 3, 1995.

B. GOLDEN GATE PARK **RES. NO. 9508-153**
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
AMENDMENT TO PERMIT/EXTENSION OF CLOSING HOURS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the ❶amendment to permit with Fred Lo to collect admissions fees to the Conservatory of Flowers and to operate the gift shop at the facility, and ❷approves extending the closing time for the Conservatory of Flowers to 6:30 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

C. GOLDEN GATE PARK **RES. NO. 9508-154**
SPEEDWAY MEADOW PATHWAY
AWARD OF CONTRACT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $142,464 to J.M. Construction for the rehabilitation of the Speedway Meadow multi-purpose path in Golden Gate Park.

D. GOLDEN GATE PARK **RES. NO. 9508-155**
MUSIC CONCOURSE FOOD CONCESSION
MONTH-TO-MONTH LEASE EXTENSION
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a month-to-month extension in the lease with Pon & Hom for the operation of the food concession in the Music Concourse of Golden Gate Park.

E. TENDERLOIN PLAYGROUND **RES. NO. 9508-156**
NAMING OF FACILITIES
RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to name the new Tenderloin facility as the Tenderloin Children's Playground and Recreation Center.

F. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT **RES. NO. 9508-157**
COUPON POLICY APPROVAL
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the policy to allow the use of two-for-one admissions coupons only to those organizations whose primary business is in support of the Recreation and Park Department.

G. CANDLESTICK PARK **RES. NO. 9508-158**
VOLUME SERVICES
FOOD/BEVERAGE PRICE INCREASE - 1995 SEASON
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by Volume Services to increase certain food and beverage prices at Candlestick Park for the 1995 football season.

H. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM **RES. NO. 9508-159**
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of the litigated claim filed by Charles Johnson in the amount of $17,500.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Quaranta, Rovetti***

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. OCEANVIEW RECREATION CENTER
PROHIBITION OF DOGS

Consideration of approval of the prohibition of dogs at Oceanview Recreation Center.

Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, Michael Morlin, explained that at a recent community meeting of the Oceanview, Merced, and Ingleside (OMI) districts, the issue of dogs at Oceanview Recreation Center was discussed. The community requested that a prohibition of dogs be established for this facility. There have been complaints about dog feces and fear of children being bitten by pit bull dogs that are off leash at the park. Since this prohibition of dogs would set a precedent, Mr. Morlin contacted Carl Friedman, the Director of Animal Care and Control and Richard Avanzino of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), both of whom did not register any strong objection but did question how this prohibition would be enforced. If the Commission approves this item, signage would be posted stating "no dogs allowed".

Regina Blosser, representing the OMI, Neighborhood in Action, spoke in support of the prohibition and said a few people bring pit bulls to the park and children are scared because the dogs attack. This prohibition will enable the community to contact the Police Department to stop this activity. In the past, they have contacted the SPCA, and by the time they respond the pit bull fights are over. One neighbor enjoyed walking her dog at the park but the overriding sentiment from the community was to curtail the negative activity of bringing pit bulls into the park. This prohibition will enable the community to take steps to stop this type of activity.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Morlin said the nearest dog running area would be Fort Funston near Skyline Boulevard and Lake Merced.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this issue was raised at a community meeting several months ago and the consensus of the group was to prohibit dogs at the park. Ms. Burns suggested that in six months the Commission may want to receive a staff report on this newly enacted policy and its affect on the park and the community.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-160

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to prohibit dogs at Oceanview Recreation Center, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff shall give a status report in six months on this newly imposed policy.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Quaranta, Rovetti***

6. CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
LAND USE POLICY
PLAY AREA FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Approval of land use policy to use portion of southeast quadrant of Civic Center Plaza for a play area for school age children.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this matter is a land use decision as to whether or not an additional children's playground should be installed at Civic Center Plaza. There is an existing playground at the park and discussions have centered on whether it is appropriate to place another play area given the fact that there is an adopted plan to revitalize the Plaza to conform with it original beaux art design. The Department of Public Works prepared a rendering of what the existing site would look like with an additional playground in the corner and how it would appear if the plaza was rehabilitated to its original beaux art design. There has also been concern about the historic aspect of the Plaza because it is the civic gathering place for San Francisco and another children's play area may inhibit the ability to stage large events. These issues were raised at the Committee level, and it was agreed that another community meeting should be held to discuss these issues further. A meeting was held and the City Planning Department has given its support of the proposal in addition to support from Jim Haas, who is involved in the rehabilitation of Civic Center Plaza.

In addition, the State office building which is adjacent to the park is under a threat of a lawsuit to provide mitigation for their proposed expansion and they may contribute funding to support the construction of this play area. They also are required to provide child care services and another play area will provide needed outdoor play space. The expanded State building will create windier conditions to the Civic Center area. These issues are still in the planning stage but there are funds available to initiate the design of the playground. The only issue before the Commission at this time is whether another children's play area should be considered for the park. A member of the Art Commission attended the Committee meeting and voiced his concern about the Arts Commission participation in the review. Ms. Learner emphasized the point that Recreation and Park always works most cooperatively with the Art Commission in the planning process. She recommended approval of this land use for Civic Center Plaza.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-161

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the land use policy to use a portion of the southeast quadrant of Civic Center Plaza for a play area for school age children.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Quaranta, Rovetti***

2: 45 p.m. Note for the Record: Commissioner Quaranta arrived at the meeting.

7. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT
ICE SKATING RINK

Consideration of a five year agreement with Friends of Recreation and Parks to operate an ice rink at Justin Herman Plaza during the holiday season.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the holiday ice skating rink at Justin Herman Plaza has been a very popular attraction. The matter before the Commission is to approve an agreement with the Friends of Recreation and Parks to create a holiday ice rink at Justin Herman Plaza for the next five years. The concept is that with a long term commitment, the Friends of Recreation and Parks along with their co-sponsors, the Embarcadero Center, would be encouraged to improve the facility and provide assurance that the ice skating rink will be offered for the next five years. The ice rink is a good partnership with the Embarcadero Center and Friends of Recreation and Parks. The hours of operation to the public will be 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with instruction/lessons offered at 9:00 a.m. The project sponsor has agreed to comply with the Commission's established amplified sound policy. She recommended that the five year agreement be approved.

Dan Gallagher, representing the Noise Abatement Unit of the San Francisco Police Department, explained that there was concern about the amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza. Because of excessive complaints the Police Department has received from businesses at Justin Herman Plaza they have instituted a policy that only allows amplified sound during weekdays between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m. amplified sound is permitted. He explained that everyone supports the ice skating rink but if the sound policy is modified for this event, it will have to be modified for any other group that asks for the same modification. The Police Department is the City agency responsible for issuing the sound permit. Officer Gallagher proposed that a speaker system be set up for the ice skating rink that uses a series of 10 watt speakers. The City's Municipal Police Code does not require a permit for speakers that are 10 watts are less. He offered this proposal to the Guardsmen, who is asking for the use of amplified sound at Union Square for an ice skating rink. *(Note for the record: The next item considered by the Commission.)*

Russ Campbell, representing the Embarcadero Center, said he had not received a response from the event promoters about the 10 watt system but was hopeful that it would work.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that staff met with Officer Gallagher and felt that the proposal presented by the Police Department appears to be a good solution as it does not require a sound permit and conforms to the amplified sound policy.

Commissioner Chan explained that the Parks and Planning Committee has been inundated with many requests to deviate from the approved amplified sound policy. The problem is that the Police Department has its own guidelines and Recreation and Park has its own set of rules. Therefore he asked staff to meet with the Police Department so that the issue of amplified sound could be discussed. He also asked staff to calendar the issue of permit fees and amplified sound.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked staff to review the permit fees and sound policy for City parks so that it is clear what the sound policy and permit fees are for each of the City's parks.

7. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT
ICE SKATING RINK (Continued)

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-162

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a five year agreement with Friends of Recreation and Parks to operate an ice rink at Justin Herman Plaza during the holiday season.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

8. **UNION SQUARE**
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
ICE SKATING RINK OPERATION

Consideration of the temporary installation and operation of an ice skating rink and a modification of the existing sound policy at Union Square to begin at 10:00 a.m. and extend until 12:00 midnight, each operational day, from November 10, 1995 through January 14, 1996, by the Guardsmen organization.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request by the Guardsmen to install an ice skating rink at Union Square. The hours of operation will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight with the first hour for set-up and the last hour for clean-up and closure. Since the Committee meeting, Mr. Callander of the Guardsmen has made some changes to the original installation plan and time frame for the event. Ms. Woo outlined the changes:

- The size of the rink has been reduced in half so that it will not take up the entire plaza;
- The rink will be removed before New Year's Eve because the Police Department expressed concern regarding the large crowds that congregate at Union Square on the New Year's Eve;
- The Noise Abatement Unit of the San Francisco Police Department has suggested the use of a 10 watt speaker system to conform with the amplified sound policy;
- The permit fee requested is $.50 per paid adult admission and a performance bond of $20,000;
- Set up for the ice skating rink will be begin on November 3 with operation of the rink beginning on November 10;
- The art show groups have an issued permit for use of Union Square on one weekend in November and December. Originally, the art show groups would be displaced because of the size of the ice skating rink but since it has now been reduced there is space for the artists. However, this issue remains unresolved.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that staff was asked to review the load factor of the ice skating rink on Union Square. Staff has contacted engineers at the Department of Public Works who has said that the ice load is within the standards for the plaza. The two unresolved issues are ❶the weight of the refrigeration system and ❷the weight of the ice resurfacer (Zamboni), the equipment used to manicure the ice. The Guardsmen need to obtain the manufacturer's specifications on the refrigeration system and the ice resurfacer to ensure that it does not exceed the load capacity of the Square.

8. **UNION SQUARE**
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
ICE SKATING RINK OPERATION (Continued)

Bruce Callander, representing the Guardsmen, said they are happy to abide with the use of the 10 watt speaker system proposed by the Noise Abatement Unit. The use of the 10 watt system will address the concern previously expressed by representatives of the St. Francis Hotel at the Committee meeting. Advertising will be placed on the ice and the rink boards, and possibly on banners and flags at Union Square. They have discussed this event with Macy's which plans to move its Christmas tree from the east end to the west end of the Square. The Guardsmen had two meetings with Temple Chabad because the Temple had an event planned at Union Square. The Guardsmen agreed to pay to Temple Chabad the income from one day's event, less their operating expenses. However, Mr. Callander just learned that Temple Chabad has scheduled another event and he is unable to offer them the same fee arrangement because the ice rink will be removed earlier than originally planned (December 27 rather than mid January). This issue has yet to be resolved. The Guardsmen will pay the Department $.50 per paid adult skater. However, because of the cost to stage this event, he planned to ask the Commission to consider waiving the permit fee at a future meeting. Mr. Callander spoke to the artist groups who are not enthused about having only part of the Square for their use. The artists prefer to use Huntington Park. The Guardsmen plan to have a 42' trailer, set on the grass on the east side for skate rental. A crane will be used to put the trailer in place. The Guardsmen will pay for the cost to remove and replace the flowers and box hedges. Finally, the vacant Police koban that is presently at Union Square will be removed. The Police Department is happy to remove it and has offered a program to use the koban for selected events and fairs.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's questions, Mr. Callandar said the skating fee is the same that is charged for Justin Herman Plaza ice skating rink: $8.00 for adult and $5.50 for children for a 1-1/2 hours of skating. To date, they do not have any sponsors for the event.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Mr. Callander said they have received endorsement of this event from the Union Square Merchants Association.

Dan Gallagher, representing the Noise Abatement Unit of the San Francisco Police Department, was not opposed to this event and said the Guardsmen have cooperated with his suggestion to install 10 watt speaker system.

John Handlery, representing Handlery Hotels, submitted a letter of support from the hotels. He felt that this ice skating rink was a great opportunity to bring people back to the downtown area.

Jonathan Boyer, representing Temple Chabad, said they have successfully staged the candlelight ceremony for 20 years at Union Square. He has spoken to the Guardsmen on several occasions regarding this event and some logistical issues remain unresolved such as changing the location of the tree so it will be near the menorah. He needed to have further discussions with the Guardsmen before Temple Chabad could lend its support for this event.

8. **UNION SQUARE**
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
ICE SKATING RINK OPERATION (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz said that the Guardsmen planned to adopt the same fee schedule that is offered at Justin Herman Plaza and wondered if they also planned to offer reduced fees for groups associated with the Recreation and Park Department. Mr. Callander said since this was their first year he could only consider offering free admissions to Recreation and Park groups during slow periods.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-163

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the temporary installation of an ice skating rink at Union Square from November 10, 1995 through December 28, 1995, by the Guardsmen organization with the following conditions:

◆The size of the rink will be100' x 60';
◆The hours of operation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., with set-up taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and shutdown from 11:00 p.m. to Midnight.
◆The rink will be removed before New Year's Eve;
◆Sound for the ice rink will be in the form of a 10 watt speaker system;
◆The permit fee will be $.50 per paid adult admission;
◆Set up for the ice skating rink will begin on November 3;

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

9. **MARINA GREEN**
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND
NINETEENTH AMENDMENT PASSAGE COMMEMORATION EVENT
Consideration of appeal of denial of modification of the existing sound policy at the Marina Green to begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 26, 1995, for an event commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the passing of the Nineteenth Amendment, sponsored by the Women's Heritage Museum.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that that item is appeal of a staff denial to have amplified sound at Marina Green for an event sponsored by the Women's Heritage Museum. The existing amplified sound policy at Marina Green allows a maximum of four consecutive hours between 1:00 p.m. and sunset. This request is for the use of amplified sound from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This event will begin at 9:30 a.m. in collaboration with other events occurring across the State, particularly in Sacramento, with the reenactment of the women's suffrage trip to Washington D.C. in 1915. Amplified sound will be used for elected officials who will speak at the Marina Green event. Ms. Woo further explained that Joan Girardot of the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association has voiced her support for this event and was not opposed to the modification to the amplified sound policy.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the reason staff denied the request is the issue of setting a precedent.

9. MARINA GREEN
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND
NINETEENTH AMENDMENT PASSAGE COMMEMORATION EVENT (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said he hoped that his fellow commissioners remembered this issue well when the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association objects to some future modification of amplified sound because the Association cannot be selective to particular events or groups.

Marianne Babal, representing the Women's Heritage Museum, explained that they requested a modification to the sound policy in case of windy conditions that they may experience at the Marina Green.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-164

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of the existing sound policy for an event at the Marina Green to begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 26, 1995, for an event commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, sponsored by the Women's Heritage Museum.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

10. POTRERO DEL SOL PARK
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND
FOUR FINGERS AND A THUMB EVENT
Consideration of denial of appeal of modification of the amplified sound policy at Potrero del Sol on Sunday, August 27, 1995, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an event to be sponsored by "Four Fingers and a Thumb".

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request for use of amplified sound at Potrero del Sol. The current Permits and Reservation Policy (adopted 11/17/94) prohibits use of amplified sound at this park site. The prohibition was instituted as a result of the number of complaints received from the residents near the park about the level of noise, the large number of people that attend some of the events, and the close proximity of homes to the park. This particular event will consist of playing amplified recorded music; there will be no sale of food, beverage or merchandise. The organization asking for the use of amplified sound, Four Fingers and a Thumb, has sponsored events in 1993 and 1994 and there have been complaints from the neighbors regarding the event. They expect 800 people to attend this event. At the Committee level, the sponsor was asked to canvas the neighborhood and notify them of their intent to have an event in the park and receive their response. She outlined the permit fees for the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Woo said several letters of support were received for this event.

10. POTRERO DEL SOL PARK
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND
FOUR FINGERS AND A THUMB EVENT (Continued)

Dan Gallagher, representing the Noise Abatement Unit of the San Francisco Police Department, explained that he inspected the park site, Potrero del Sol, to ascertain if it was an appropriate venue for amplified sound. In his opinion, it was not appropriate to have amplified sound at this park because of the close proximity of homes to the park. The Municipal Police Code allows for a measurement of audible sound of amplified sound to be taken at 250'. Since the closest home to the park is 125' from the park it does not allow the Police Department to take a legal measurement for amplified sound. Therefore, he recommended against amplified sound being permitted at this park site and said he would not approve a sound permit.

John Scalise, representing Four Fingers and a Thumb, said that even though they had letters of support for their event, it did not seem likely that they would be able to obtain a sound permit. He wanted to consider staging the party with the use of an acoustic band or the 10 watt speaker system suggested for the ice skating rink items (Items 7 & 8). He said his group provides social education to youth, and this event is their annual party for all ages and races. He felt the event was great although he understood that the park is close to homes.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-165

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the use of amplified sound at the Potrero del Sol on Sunday, August 27, 1995, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an event to be sponsored by "Four Fingers and a Thumb".

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

11. CHINESE PLAYGROUND
PLAY AREA RENOVATION
Approval of conceptual plan for play area at Chinese Playground.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a renovation of the existing play area at Chinese Playground. Currently, there are many safety deficiencies and it does not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access code. Staff worked closely with the on-site staff as well as the many social service agencies that use the playground in order to design the new play area. The renovated layout will include an area for older children as well as an area for younger children. The design includes a climbing wall along the west end and the community has applied for funding for a mural along the retaining wall in the younger chlidren's area. There will also be a maze as part of the pavement pattern between the two play areas. This item was considered by the Parks and Planning Committee and she recommended approval of the plan.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

11. CHINESE PLAYGROUND
PLAY AREA RENOVATION (Continued) **RES. NO. 9508-166**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual plan for play area at Chinese Playground.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

12. JACKSON PLAYGROUND
PLAY AREA RENOVATION
Approval of renovation proposal for the children's play area at Jackson Playground.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that this item is a proposal to renovate the children's play area at Jackson Playground. The conceptual plan shows the basic layout. The scheme was developed after holding three community meetings. The renovation scheme divides the play area into two sections. The section on the eastern half would be for tots up to the age of 5; the section on the western side would be for older children. The playground would be divided by a low, concrete, curvilinear seat wall that can be used for seating or for kids' play. The tot area will have a play structure and a sand play area. The court yard will have new benches, some small tables and replacement of trees. In the older children's area there will be swings and a large play structure. There will be safety surface matting to provide disabled access. There will be a new entrance at the southwestern corner to improve circulation through the play area and to the adjacent basketball court. A drinking fountain will be placed at the northeast corner to serve the play area but will also be in close proximity to the athletic field. New benches will be placed next to the recreation building, 10 new trees will be planted and 7 trees replaced. The total cost of the project is $310,000 with funding coming from the Open Space Program. To date, approximately $150,000 has been banked for this project. The neighborhood has raised $4,000 and a donation of $2,300 was donated by a film company. She recommended approval of the project.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this design was done by the Department, which saved much time and money. In the future, staff hoped to use this approach in its projects to control the design schedule and save planning costs.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-167

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovation proposal for the children's play area at Jackson Playground.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

13. JAPANESE TEA GARDEN/GOLDEN GATE PARK
FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS
FUNDRAISING EVENT

Consideration of after hours use of the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park for a fundraising event on Monday, October 2, 1995, benefiting the Recreation and Park Department.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a request to consider the after hours use of the Japanese Tea Garden by the Friends of Recreation and Parks. The Friends of the Recreation and Parks and the Park Division have reviewed the staging of this event in the garden. They inspected the garden and sought input from staff, and now have a staging plan and a specific area in the garden where food will be served. This event will feature a musical activity of opera highlights from Madame Butterfly. They hope to raise $10-15,000 with 400 people attending the event. She further explained that Friends of Recreation and Parks has provided a satisfactory staging plan and that staff recommended approval of the event.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-168

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the after hours use of the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park for a fundraising event on Monday, October 2, 1995, benefiting the Recreation and Park Department.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

14. DOLPHIN CLUB
UPGRADE OF FACILITY

Consideration of request by the Dolphin Club to upgrade and repair the women's and men's locker rooms, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.

Finance Officer, Etai Chen, explained this item is consideration of the Dolphin's Club request to upgrade and repair the men's and women's locker room and to make them accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The 25 year lease will expire in 9 years. In the course of the last 15 years, membership has expanded with over one/third of the total being women. The plan is to expand the existing men's locker room and then make it the women's locker room. Then, the existing women's locker room will be renovated and made into the men's locker room. In 1992 the Commission approved an increase in membership fees from $25 to $30 with the intent that those funds will be used to make improvements to the facility. The project will be done in three phases:

Phase I - New accessible men's shower and sauna
Phase 2 - New accessible women's shower, sauna, lavatories, toilets and lockers
Phase 3 - New accessible men's lavatories, toilets and lockers

14. DOLPHIN CLUB
UPGRADE OF FACILITY (Continued)

The City's Bureau of Building Inspection has approved and issued a building permit which will expire 9/11/95 and the Dolphin Club wants to begin the work as soon as possible. The Dolphin Club has also asked for an extension to the existing lease which staff will review in the near future and bring to the Commission for its consideration. She recommended approval of this request.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Ms. Chen explained that when a member of the public wishes to use the Dolphin Club the fee charged is $7.00.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9508-169

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by the Dolphin Club to upgrade and repair the women's and men's locker rooms, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

15. WASHINGTON SQUARE
COLUMBUS DAY EVENT
WAIVER OF FEE

Consideration to waive the permit fee for the Friday, October 6, 1995 event entitled "Dancing Under the Stars" sponsored by the Columbus Day Celebration.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that last month the Commission approved this multiple day event. The permittee has now asked that the fee of $1,500 or 20% of the gross gate receipts be waived. A letter written by staff person Martha Cohen of the Mayor's Office has been submitted asking that the fee be waived.

Mary Sangiacomo, a member of the Board of Directors, of the Columbus Day Celebration, was present to answer any questions of the Commission and reminded them that the event was a fundraiser to offset the costs of the Columbus Day Parade.

President Immendorf said that the Commission is constantly asked to waive fees and all of the requests are from non-profit organizations and worthy organizations. It is very difficult to waive fees given the budgetary situation facing the Department. President Immendorf said he made several inquires of the Mayor's Office regarding this fee waiver request to see if there was a compelling reason to approve the waiver but, to date, he had only received a hand written letter from the Mayor's Office. He said if the waiver is granted the Commission will receive many similar requests for fee waivers.

Commissioner Quaranta asked that the matter be tabled and pledged to give $200 toward the permit fee. President Immendorf said he would pledge $100 toward the fee.

15. WASHINGTON SQUARE COLUMBUS DAY EVENT WAIVER OF FEE (Continued)

Ms. Sangiacomo said she will contact businesses in the North Beach area to see if they would be willing to make a donation towards the fee.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, this matter was tabled.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: ***Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Ruiz***
Absent: ***Commissioner Rovetti***

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

Note for the Record: Senator Milton Marks made his comments at 3:05 p.m.

Senator Milton Marks said that on 8/9/95, San Francisco lost one of its musical and cultural giants, Jerry Garcia, who spent his life making music and art that have enriched the lives of millions. Senator Marks said it was only fitting that the City commemorate his life by naming the Polo Field after Jerry Garcia as this site was important in the growth of the Grateful Dead. He was aware that the current Commission policy requires a two year waiting period to begin this process. However, he asked the Commission to waive this requirement and hoped that the Commission would grant his request.

Lisa Kaborycha, a resident of the Bernal Heights, asked for a progress report on the Bernal Heights Recreation Center. She explained that it has been a long process and money was assigned for the renovation project years ago. The recreation center has fallen into a state of disrepair and has become a gathering place for undesirables in the neighborhood.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the bid has been awarded for the Bernal Heights gym and that work should begin in September. The renovation of the play area is one of the projects that has been made a priority by the by the Department. The playground contract has not been awarded because the design of the playground has yet to be completed and the Commission has not even approved the conceptual design. **Park Planner, Joanne Wilson,** explained that the earliest date the Commission could approve the design of the playground is October, but more likely November.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that he was made aware of the community's concerns about the recreation programs and staff at Bernal Playground. The community has been supportive and willing to give their input into the programming. Staff is doing its best and the program at the playground has improved in the past few months. It has been a difficult site for the Recreation Division in the past, but they are committed to working with the community.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Francine Sanfillippo, a resident of the Bernal area for 9 years, explained that 4 years ago she became a parent of 2 and took a personal interest in Bernal playground. She does not use the Bernal Playground and goes to Glen Park, Douglass Park and other neighborhood parks. She said the Bernal area has changed and has many families. She said that none of the improvements have been made even though money has been allocated. She said that by the time the park is completed her children will be too old to use the children's play area.

Joy Ferguson, lives 3 blocks from Bernal Playground, talked about the programming at the recreation center and the need for outreach and scheduled programs at Bernal Playground.

Rich Abrahamson, said he spoke to the Commission in the past about neglect of the playground. He wanted to identify the person or persons who were not doing their job and said it was about time for the Commission to do something about the playground.

Maurcio Vela, Director of the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, wanted the Commission to make Holly Park and Bernal Playground a priority. He is a parent of 3 but never sends his kids to Bernal because it is not safe or clean. He said some of the play structures were removed in 1994 because they were unsafe and it will be 1996 before a new play structure is installed. He outlined his demands:

→Recreation directors, Aubrey Tendell and Tamara Mayfield, should be removed from the park;
→Begin the Bernal Gym renovations and improvement;
→Begin the playground rehabilitation immediately;
→Custodian, Willie, should perform his job duties;
→There should be an assistant recreation supervisor (3287) at the park two days a week until the recreation programs improve and the on-line staff perform their job;
→He wanted to be on the agenda for next month's Commission meeting

Rick Young, read a statement from Gregory Gavin, who conducted several workshops at Bernal Gym in October 1994. Mr. Gavin enumerated the problems he encountered with the "can't do" attitude from the staff, particularly the recreation director whom he felt treated him in a hostile fashion. He further stated that on many occasions the recreation directors were reading the newspaper, hanging out in the gym, and leaving the site or arriving at the site late. Mr. Gavin finally appealed to Mr. Tendell's supervisor. Mr. Gavin did comment that Mr. Aubrey Tendell taught a very good basketball program.

Fay Farrar, lives next to the playground and said the playground is quite dirty and often full of glass. The children climb on the roof and there is a petition asking that the first 3 trees, close to the lower part of the gym be removed so that children do not go on the gym roof. The recreation staff used to watch television during the day until people appealed to the Department and the television was removed from the site. She has worked with Aubrey Tendell, the recreation director, but he has no assistance or support. Often, parents leave the kids at the playground all day and there are behavioral programs. She did not think recreation staff were getting the proper cooperation from Recreation and Park and wanted more supervision and support given to the on-site staff.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Helen Helfer, said she was confident that the playground would be renovated and has been working with the Park Planner. She said that Aubrey Tendell has done very positive things but he is only one person, and does not have support or the supervisory training that is necessary. She said there is a lack of communication among Recreation and Park Department staff.

Ellen Egbert, a resident of the Bernal area, asked why Bernal Playground was separated from St. Mary's Park. She hoped that Recreation and Park would reconsider this decision and have a close relationship with whomever supervises the recreation director, Aubrey Tendell. She wanted to keep the communication channels open.

Kathy Angus, has a six year old daughter and wanted a safe place for her daughter to play and recreate which is now not available. She has been at the park and seen broken glass that is not cleaned. She wanted the Bernal playground to be a safe place where she could take her daughter for a class. She did not want to have to drive to another recreation center to find a recreation program. She felt uncomfortable leaving her child at the recreation center and said the playground has no supervision at all

Novella Smith, a parent, has tried to take advantage of the playground. Bernal Gym has organized many programs and her 10 year old child took advantage of one of the programs. Her children were accosted at the gym and were quite upset and informed her of the incident. When she asked her children why they had not appealed to the recreation director, she said the director was on the phone and would not listen to her kids. She said the situation will not improve unless Recreation and Park becomes involved.

Maria Villazane-Ruiz, spoke about the playground and the need to provide instructional activities for the children so they are actively engaged. She wanted to make sure that adequate funding was allocated for the playground. She wanted more activities for the children. She said there needed to be community input about the actual equipment that will be placed in the playground.

Patty Fasano, grew up across the street from Bernal Playground and knows over 100 children who use the park. She has a store nearby and commented that the community is ethnically, socially and economically diverse and deserves a better playground. She said the playground has been unchanged for over a year and they need support from Recreation and Park.

Father Joe Walsh, has been pastor of St. Kevin's Church for the past 5 years and has 1300 families registered at the church, many with children who use the playground. He said he constantly hears complaints about the playground. Recently, there was an incident where small children were accosted by a larger group of kids. When a parent tried to intercede he was quite intimidated by the older children. The problem at the playground is the lack of supervision. He hoped that a tragic event did not occur at the park before some action was taken.

President Immendorf appreciated all of the comments made by the community and said the Commission understood the issues raised. He assured the community that this issue will be reviewed by the Commission and the Department.

Commissioner Ruiz suggested that this matter be referred to the Recreation Services Committee and he volunteered to be the Commission's representative.

17. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

18. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Chan updated the Commission members on discussions he had recently with Russ Hafferkamp regarding the permit fee for the multiple day event held at Justin Herman Plaza in connection with the AVP Pro Beachball event. Commissioner Chan met with staff regarding this issue. After that meeting a letter was sent to Mr. Hafferkamp requesting that he pay 50% of the gross gate receipts. He owes the Department $3400 and he has paid $1700. Mr. Hafferkamp called Commissioner Chan and said that the customary fee charged by the Department is 25% of the gross gate receipts rather than 50%. Mr. Hafferkamp offered to pay $100 for his portion of the permit fee.

President Immendorf suggested that Commissioner Chan contact Russ Campbell of the Embarcadero Center to see if he can assist in resolving the permit fee problem.

Commissioner Quaranta announced that Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon is expecting a baby girl.

19. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of August 1, 1995
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of August 3, 1995

20. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Louise Blum Karr, mother of Richard Blum, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Everett Cahill, a former member of the Recreation and Park Commission, who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 707h Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 7, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Absent: Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

Commissioner Rovetti thanked his colleagues and Recreation and Park Department staff for their well wishes and the flowers that were sent to him during his recent 6 week stay in the hospital. He was pleased to return the Commission.

2. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
NAMING OF STADIUM
Approval of agreement with the San Francisco 49ers regarding the naming of the stadium at Candlestick Park and approval of proposed name change.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission was being asked to consider a short term, 5-month agreement, which will provide a quick-start funding mechanism to begin the design work for the stadium at Candlestick Park in preparation of the 1999 Superbowl. The Department knew of no other offer (besides the 49ers) to provide funding from non-public sources to help the City begin work for the Superbowl. The 49ers made this offer several weeks ago and have repeatedly said if there is a better offer the City should take it. There is not a better offer on the table and there is a real need for funds to begin the design work for the improvements that are necessary for the Superbowl. The Department has a very short time to complete the renovations required at Candlestick Park for the Superbowl and lacks funding, particularly this year since it is anticipated that the Giants will not pay their rent due to poor attendance levels. The Department's budget is woefully inadequate to pay for the design work to make the improvements at the stadium which the City pledged for the 1999 Superbowl.

2. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
NAMING OF STADIUM (Continued)

In this item, the Commission is asked to approve an agreement with the San Francisco 49ers giving them resale rights to the stadium name. The 49ers have announced that they have an agreement with 3Com, a South Bay computer networking firm and will use that company's name for the stadium.

The 49ers also submitted a separate letter outlining the number of new name banners and locations where they would be placed. For the first 2 home games, the banners will be temporary and there will be relatively few of them. The banners will be raised for football games and then removed, pending the placement of permanent signage. The signage would be placed at the entrance gates to the stadium and entry gates to the parking lots. Interior advertising signage would be purchased through the Sony Scoreboard Agreement, and would be considered separate from the stadium name. The 49ers and the Mayor's Office are still reviewing the most recent draft of the proposed agreement with the Commission and the 49ers. Therefore, Mr. Arnold asked the Commission to ❶approve the concept of the new name for this season only, ❷approve the placement of temporary signs for the upcoming football games, and ❸designate the General Manager to sign the contract once it is finalized by the Mayor's Office and the 49ers.

President Immendorf asked what would happen if the City accepted another bid after this 5 month agreement and 3Com had already entered into a longer term agreement with Sony to place advertising within the stadium. Mr. Arnold explained that 3Com is considering a 5 year advertising agreement with Sony and it could present an interesting situation.

Vice President Chan understood that the Commission was considering a 5 month agreement and there is a future agreement for $3.5 Million. He noted that Apple Computer has now expressed an interest in the name and asked if the City had the right to enter into agreement with another bidder. Mr. Arnold said the only actual written agreement that has been developed is the 5 month agreement with the 49ers. He also stated that just before commencement of this meeting he had received a letter from Apple Computer asking that the Commission delay its decision on the 49er-3Com proposal. Mr. Arnold further explained that to his knowledge the 49ers agreement with 3Com has not been finalized. Vice President Chan was also concerned about issues relating to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold said it was his understanding that the 49ers have a verbal agreement with 3Com. Commissioner Rovetti said it is feasible that the Commission in six months could approve an agreement with Apple Computer.

James Lazarus, representing the Mayor's Office, gave a brief history on the City's efforts to host the 1999 Superbowl. It was awarded to the City by the National Football League (NFL) in November, 1994 for 1999. In that bid the City identified $26 Million worth of repairs and improvements that would be made to the stadium.

**2. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
NAMING OF STADIUM (Continued)**

Many of the construction items were part of a list of previously recommended improvements for the stadium. Some, such as press box expansion, are specific to the needs of the Superbowl but it will also give the City an opportunity to better accommodate regular season press for the 49ers and to construct club seating. The $26 Million program includes about $7-9 Million worth of work previously determined to be needed such as field irrigation, drainage, locker room upgrades, suite renovations, painting and landscape, that would be done if there were sufficient funds. The City has been waiting to complete some of these items since the first 49ers lease amendment was negotiated in 1985. Originally, the 1985 agreement called for a 7 year renovation program which is still ongoing.

When we announced that we had won the 1999 Superbowl we began to seek funding sources other than General Fund tax revenues to do the necessary work. The Candlestick Park budget can probably accommodate $6 Million of the work over the next 4 years and it is obvious that the City needs other sources of revenues. He believed that the City will be able to issue $16-17 Million worth of revenue bonds in 1996 to be paid from the revenue stream currently generated by Candlestick Park. The City still needs approximately $9 Million of revenue and proposed that it be obtained from stadium naming rights, a portion of the Candlestick Park revenues, club seating, premium seats, and revenue sharing with the 49ers. The City announced its interest in receiving proposals for a stadium name in January of this year and Mayor Jordan sent letters to 8 major corporations in San Francisco that were large retail advertisers. Hal Riney and Associates, an advertising firm provided the Mayor's Office pro bono work and researched the history of naming rights around the country, the value of those rights, and potential sponsors. The City also received interest from companies it had not contacted such as United Airlines, Intel Corporation, Budweiser and Miller Brewing. Only Pacific Telesis, a local firm, expressed an interest in receiving further information from the City on this opportunity.

None of these inquires came to fruition until a few weeks ago when the 49ers informed the City that it was working on a marketing arrangement with 3Com Corporation of Santa Clara and that 3Com was willing to include naming rights in that marketing arrangement. The 49ers were willing to contract for 5 years and to pay the City $4 Million, most of it up front, toward these naming rights.

However, the 49ers desired to place the corporate name on the stadium prior to the 9/10/95 opening game. Mr. Lazarus recommended that the Commission ❶authorize the General Manager to complete negotiations and enter into an agreement in substantial conformity with the proposed draft that the Commission has received, ❷approve the name "3Com" as proposed by the 49ers, and ❸allow the 49ers to place temporary signage as proposed in their letter dated 9/6/95 on the stadium for the next 2 games while the five month contract is finalized. This is an interim five month agreement and Mr. Lazarus will negotiate another agreement for the balance of the 4 years. If that agreement is ratified by the Recreation and Park Commission and the Board of Supervisors it would be annualized at $900,000 a year for a total of $4 Million.

2. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
NAMING OF STADIUM (Continued)

Mr. Lazarus received a letter late yesterday afternoon from Apple Computer expressing interest in negotiating with the City for the naming rights. The Mayor has instructed Mr. Lazarus to inform Apple Computer that should the Commission approve the interim arrangement he would be willing to sit down with them to hear their proposal.

Much of the discussion in the press the past few days has referenced a love for the name of Candlestick Park. Clearly, the City has an opportunity to go to the private sector and receive funding that does not require taxpayer money and that is the key behind naming rights. Staff reviewed programs throughout the country where names have been added to existing facilities, such as arenas or domed stadia, or to new construction. For example, United Airlines has its name on the Chicago arena that was opened last Fall and their payment is approximately $175,000 a year. The arrangements for naming rights vary on the length of time of the agreement. The proposed $4 Million agreement is favorable to any other deal in the United States because the proposals range from $295,000 a year to $2 Million. It will take many years for the public to begin to use a corporate sponsor name rather than Candlestick Park. If it were a new structure it would be easier and more valuable to get the name to identify the facility.

Vice President Chan asked if the City would be required to remain with the $4 Million agreement with 3Com if some other company offered a higher dollar amount. Mr. Lazarus explained that today's item obligates the City for five months only. Clearly, 49ers and 3Com contract value has been publicly announced. He was somewhat distressed because Apple Computer now knows the public number.

Commissioner Quaranta asked if the Giants were concerned about this issue. Mr. Lazarus said that neither the Giants or the 49ers have any naming rights to the stadium. In his review of the Sony Scoreboard Agreement he believed that Sony did not have rights to the name of the stadium. Rather, Sony has interior stadium signage rights and 3Com is negotiating with Sony to purchase interior signage. The Giants informed Mr. Lazarus that they had no objection to the new stadium name.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said the Commission is giving the 49ers the right to negotiate the naming rights with 3Com or anybody else they want. Mr. Lazarus said the Commission is granting authorization to the 49ers to sell the naming rights over the next five months and that the 49ers intend to give that name to 3Com Corporation. Mr. Lazarus said if the 49ers were still willing to sign the contract with the Commission they could seek approval from the Commission for a different name.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked if the money generated from this agreement would be specifically used for the Candlestick Park renovation project. Mr. Lazarus said that was the intent but that legally the money could be moved. He did not think that the money from the renaming rights would be used for a different program or service.

**2. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
NAMING OF STADIUM (Continued)**

In response to Commissioner Quaranta's question, Mr. Lazarus explained that changing the freeway signs is a decision of Cal Trans. However, there is a provision in the agreement that states that the cost of any freeway signage change will not be borne by the City. Mr. Lazarus did hear from the recreational vehicle park operator located adjacent to the parking lot who is concerned because the maps he printed inform visitors to take the "Candlestick Park" exit. Mr. Lazarus said that if the stadium name is put on the freeway it probably would be done in conformity with a sign at Candlestick Point State Park.

Commissioner Rovetti said he attended the meeting today only knowing of one bidder and asked if there could be a 2-3 week delay to talk to all the interested parties.

President Immendorf said any delay will result in an immediate loss of revenue. If this item is not approved, the first year of the five year contract will not go into effect.

Mr. Lazarus said the only thing that the City is aware of is that Apple Computer is interested in negotiating and that they know the value of the proposed agreement with 3Com. He said the Commission will have to balance Apple Computer's advantage because the cost of the 3Com/49ers agreement had been made public. Mr. Lazarus said Apple Computer will be treated fairly. At the same time, it will be a difficult decision if, in fact, Apple Computer comes in with a dollar amount that is substantially higher than what is currently proposed by 3Com.

President Immendorf said this issue should also be considered from an ethical standpoint and if the City allows another company to bid at this point in time then 3Com should be given the first right of refusal at the same price. He said that when the City made a commitment to the NFL to make certain improvements to the stadium, the potential name change was always part of the revenue package.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Lazarus explained that the re-naming deal is limited to 5 years because the Commission's lease with the Giants expires in 4 years. Assuming the downtown ball park issue is resolved sometime in the future, then the City will be reviewing the football options at Candlestick Park. There has been a desire from the 49ers to explore the feasibility of a major renovation or even replacement of Candlestick Park on the existing site as a 49er only facility at Candlestick Point. Therefore, the City did not want to be in a position where the naming rights extend beyond the active life of the stadium.

Public Comment

Dorothy Diez, explained that she was speaking for the thousands of people who were unable to attend the meeting who happen to like the name Candlestick Park. She is a fourth generation native San Franciscan and worked at Candlestick Park for six years. She did not see why 3Com should be able to take Candlestick Park's name and change it to their name. She felt it was obvious that the stadium was being exploited. As far as building a new park and getting rid of Candlestick Park she felt that it should be put on the ballot for public vote.

2. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
NAMING OF STADIUM (Continued)

Norris Large, a San Franciscan who lives in the Sunset asked how much San Francisco could earn by changing the name of the Golden Gate Bridge to McDonald Golden Arch Bridge or Coit Tower to Coca-Cola Tower, or Stern Grove to the Gap Grove, or Stow Lake to perhaps Chevron Lake. Names of the landmarks of San Francisco belong to the people of the City, not to the Mayor's Office, nor to the Recreation and Park Commission or any other political entity. They certainly do not belong to the financial executive officers and advertising department of 3Com Corporation or any other corporation. He urged the Commission not to vote to change the place names of San Francisco for advertising purposes.

George Broder, a resident and property owner, supported the staff recommendation. He felt the Commission was in a very strong position. He said there is a situation where the City can receive $500,000 and since it has earned the rights to host the Superbowl is has certain obligations to fulfill and to make improvements to Candlestick Park. He urged the Commission to take this opportunity and to start fulfilling these commitments. Candlestick Park is a well established municipal vehicle and since it is the 1990's the Commission should act accordingly and sell the title to the stadium. He urged that the staff recommendation be approved.

President Immendorf said he liked the name Candlestick Park and was used to it but the City did make a commitment to the 49ers and to the National Football League. Those commitments cost a lot of money. The Department should have begun the planning process to make the improvements to the stadium in July, 1995 and it is already at least 60 days behind schedule. This proposal does not use public money and there are 21 sports facilities across the country that have sponsorship names. If the Commission decides to approve this item he asked that in future discussions with 3Com it will be afforded the first right of refusal at the same price. He recommended that the Commission approve this proposal.

Commissioner Rovetti said after hearing the discussion and reading all the letters he received it seemed that there was no alternative but to accept this proposal. It is a five month deal and in the next few months the Department and Mr. Lazarus can work with other corporations.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

2. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
NAMING OF STADIUM (Continued) **RES. NO. 9509-170**

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco owns, operates and maintains Candlestick Park Stadium primarily for use by professional baseball and football teams; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has obtained the right to host the 1999 Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Renovations to the stadium will be required in order to host the Superbowl; and

WHEREAS, The sale of naming rights to the stadium will provide a portion of the funding necessary to undertake the renovations; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Forty Niners wish to purchase the stadium naming rights with the intention of reselling them to the 3COM Corporation of Santa Clara, a marketing partner of the Forty Niners; and

WHEREAS, The City has made the availability of the naming rights widely known; and

WHEREAS, The Forty Niners' proposal conforms in value to other such naming rights contracts throughout the United States, Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Forty Niners' recommended designation of "3COM" as the naming sponsor for Candlestick Park Stadium, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission hereby designates the General Manager of Recreation and Park to enter into a Stadium Naming Rights contract between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Forty Niners upon completion of negotiation.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner Ruiz

Note for the Record: 2:50 to 3:00 p.m. the Commission recessed

3. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
AVIAN CONSERVATION CENTER AND MAMMAL CONSERVATION CENTER
APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
Approval of construction contract for the Avian Conservation Center and the Mammal Conservation Center at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

4. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM**
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Approval to negotiate the purchase of property at 3433 17th Street, Block 3577, Lot 60, for the relocation of the Sharon Arts Studio Program.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that in last year's Open Space Program $400,000 was allocated to begin relocation of the Sharon Arts Studio currently located in a building adjacent to the Carrousel and Children's play area in Golden Gate Park. Staff has been talking to members of the Sharon Arts Studio for the last few years about relocating the program to a more central section of the City and to an area that is better served by public transit. Approximately three weeks ago the Department was notified by the Real Estate Department that property adjacent to the new Mission Police Station had become available for acquisition. The 10,000 square foot property is located on 17th at Valencia and is the size that staff had been seeking. There is the need for substantial renovation of the property if it is acquired. The asking price is $420,000.

Staff toured the site with representatives of the Sharon Art Studio and everyone felt the location was desirable. This item was not considered at the Committee level because the Real Estate Department was going to place the property on the City's public auction list unless it received an indication that Recreation and Park was interested in its acquisition.

Mr. Arnold asked that the Commission grant staff the approval to negotiate for the purchase of the land. This issue would also be subject to approval from the Board of Supervisors.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this item was being expedited because the Police Department would like the revenue obtained from the sale of the property to balance its budget. The Police Department purchased the entire piece of property which was formerly the site of the Pepsi Cola plant and found that it did not need all of the land for the new Mission District Police Station.

In response to Commissioner Mc-Ardle Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained that staff did not know about this particular property until a few weeks ago. He said there is a ramp from 17th Street which will allow off street parking. The renovation of the facility will be costly and the Open Space Program will have to bank funds for the next 2-4 years to renovate the building.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9509-171

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to the Recreation and Park Department to negotiate the purchase of property at 3433 17th Street, Block 3577, Lot 60, for the relocation of the Sharon Arts Studio Program.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Quarants, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner Ruiz

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emeric Kalman suggested that the Zoo should irrigate the grounds frequently because the vegetation does not receive adequate watering. He commended the ingenious way the Commission raised revenue for Candlestick Park through renaming the stadium. He explained that he closely watches how public money is spent, questioned the expenditures of the $26 Million Zoo Infrastructure Bond and asked for an itemized list detailing how the $26 Million figure was reached. He asked why Zoo infrastructure monies are spent beyond the historical boundaries of the Zoo. He felt there has been a misuse of public money and wanted to receive documentation on the spending plan.

President Immendorf asked Mr. Kalman to make his request in writing.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the issue of the expansion of the Zoo was part of the Zoo 2000 Plan and one of the only reasons the Zoo agreed to allow the construction of the sewage treatment plant was that part of the property would be available for Zoo expansion.

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General Manager, Mary E. Burns, updated the Commission on the recent shooting at Ocean View Recreation Center which occurred in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 6, 1995. There are conflicts between the Police Department's report and the eye witness's claim to what they viewed. The individual who was killed was a participant in the late night recreational programs and well known to the community and to the staff at the recreation center. The staff was very shaken about his shooting and took time off to recover. The recreation center has not been opened since the shooting as substitute recreation directors are not assigned to this facility. She contacted Chief of Police Tony Ribera as well as the Police Captain in charge of the area to let them know that there would not be any programming.

Ms. Burns explained that there a similar incident at Ocean View 15-20 years ago which resulted in the gym being torched. She has spoken to the Police Department about this issue and they will pay special attention to the area. Staff has made Employee Assistance Counseling available to the affected employees. The shooting took place in close proximity to the children's play apparatus and there is an ongoing latchkey program on the center. It is likely that some type of community meeting will be held in the near future to allow people to discuss the incident. Everyone feels this matter is potentially a very volatile situation. The Police Department report is that there were 2 undercover police officers in the playground who observed what they considered to be a drug sale. They were in the process of detaining the two individuals they had seen making the sale and what then ensued is unclear. The victim was shot in the head by the police officer.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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JOINT MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1995 - 1:30 P.M.
400 Van Ness Avenue, Room 428

The Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 28, 1995 at 1:40 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf, and President Sidney Unobskey.

1. ROLL CALL

◆Recreation and Park Commission
Present:
Jack Immendorf, President
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Angelo Quaranta
Vincent J. Rovetti
Santiago Ruiz
Absent:
Sidney Chan, Vice President
Bella Farrow

◆City Planning Commission
Present:
Sidney Unobskey, President
Frank S. Fung, Vice President
Marilyn M. Levine
Roberta Boomer (Ex Officio Transportation Commission)
David Prowler (Ex Officio Chief Administrative Officer)
Absent:
Susan Lowenberg
Lawrence B. Martin

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM
BAYVIEW HILL

Consideration of acquisition of approximately 6 to 8 undeveloped acres at the base of Bayview Hill along Jamestown Avenue for public open space.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the property in question is approximately 30 acres on the northeast slope of Bayview Hill. The hill is undeveloped. There is an area along Jamestown that has been leveled so it is not in its natural state. Over the past several years, the Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee has been interested in acquiring all or portions of this property as a significant natural resource area. At the last joint meeting of the Recreation and Park and Planning Commissions a recommendation was made to acquire the entire 30 acres as open space. At that time, the Planning Commission deferred taking action on the lower 8 acres until it had considered the South Bayshore Plan. The City Planning Commission took action on the South Bayshore Plan which called for the development of the entire site for housing. Therefore, the question before the Commissions is whether the City will acquire some or any or all of the property for public open space.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued)

Over the past several days there have been a number of meetings involving staff from Recreation and Park and City Planning and other interested parties to see if a compromise could be developed for this piece of land. Part of the problem is that there are several competing interests for the land along Jamestown Avenue including the fact that the area is used for overflow parking for large events held at the stadium. Mr. Arnold referred to a map that outlined the present parking pattern along Jamestown which accommodates approximately 1,000 vehicles. There is also property at the State Park and beyond the State Park which is used for overflow parking for approximately 4-5,000 vehicles. The Stadium parking lot accommodates about 8,000 vehicles and there is a need to provide stadium parking beyond what presently exists. The City is concerned about continuing to have a major sports stadium and there is a need to offer more parking than what currently exists. If the City does not acquire the land along Jamestown for parking then it must find other land. The recently approved South Bayshore Plan does not address the parking issue at 3COM Park. Recreation and Park Department's position is that if the Jamestown property is not acquired for parking then it may jeopardize maintaining the sports franchise for the City at this location.

Staff recommended a compromise which would withdraw Recreation and Park's interest in acquiring the level portion along Jamestown with the understanding that additional parking will be identified in the future. Additionally, since the critical native plant and animal communities are located on the upper slopes of Bayview Hill, staff was prepared to recommend that up to 120 feet south of the toe of the slope be made available for development for housing.

Staff has discussed this compromise with the Forty Niners who are agreeable to this proposal. The community will work with the Forty Niners and Recreation and Park to find alternative parking to allow the 49ers to stay at their present location. Mr. Arnold has also discussed this proposal with one of the heirs to the property, Ms. Pamela Sims, and there is a basic understanding of the compromise.

Public Testimony

Raymond Tompkins, said there is an increase number of cases of cancer in the Bayview area and opposed the dual use of the land along Jamestown as a parking and recreational area. He said the Commissions must consider the safety of the community.

Phyllis Ayer, representing the Sierra Club Wildlife Subcommittee, urged the Commissions to retain the sloped area of Bayview Hill for open space. She said the oak woodland area was very rare in San Francisco. She enumerated the native species that are located on Bayview Hill.

Espanola Jackson, a resident of Bayview Hill, said 2 years ago it was decided that Bayview Hill would be acquired for open space. Ms. Jackson wanted to be presented with the true facts as to who owned the property in question, what happened to other heirs to the land, and whether Bayview Hill would be sold.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM**
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued)

Jake Sigg, representing the California Native Plant Society, supported acquisition of Bayview Hill and explained that he has worked 7 years to acquire this land because it is a rich natural remnant of original San Francisco. He urged that the property be acquired by the City and saved for future generations.

Hazel King, chair of the Democratic Club in the Bayview/Hunters Point area, supported housing and wanted to have homes for the children. She wanted to see buildings constructed. She asked the Commission to consider housing.

Antoinette Butler, supported housing and asked the Commissions to help with economic development and housing in the Bayview. She said the community is trying to build a future for their children and to break the cycle of poverty.

Matt Ettinger, representing the Bayview Hill Neighborhood Association, said the Bayview Hill property in question is currently in probate and the Marin County Public Administrator has said that the property must be sold to satisfy the estate. He told the Commission not to be coerced by a development proposal that pits open space advocates against disenfranchised members of the community. He explained that parking has been lost through the expansion of Executive Park and the State Park and that limited parking impacts the residents adjacent to the stadium.

Greg Gaar, Board member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council and member of the City's Park and Open Space Advisory Committee, spoke in support of acquisition of the Bayview Hill area for open space. He is a native San Franciscan who spent much of his youth playing in the open spaces of the City and as an adult he works to protect San Francisco's natural areas. He said Bayview Hill falls into the criteria of Policy 13 of the recreation and open space elements of the City's Master Plan. He said the compromise may satisfy all parties involved in this issue.

Tamara Patri, a native San Franciscan, supported the acquisition of Bayview Hill as a natural open space. As a sculptor in the Bayview area she spoke of Bayview Hill as one of the remaining enchanted natural spots in the City. She said there is adequate housing and construction in the community and felt it would be a tragedy to sacrifice the Bayview Hill area for housing.

Father Kirk Ullery, spoke in support of Ms. Pamela Sims' proposal for housing along the lower level of the Bayview Hill area. He was not opposed to retaining the upper portion of the Bayview Hill area for open space but said Ms. Sims' project embodies the ability of a community to work for a common goal. He said the Bayview area needs housing and jobs that would come from the proposed housing development.

Ron Miguel, a member of the City's Park and Open Space Advisory Committee, supported the compromise outlined by staff. The concept will preserve the vast majority of Bayview Hill for open space. He said it was very confusing as to who the City was negotiating with to acquire this land.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM**
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued)

Pauline Peele, a resident of Bayview area since 1984, asked the Commissions to make a decision. She strongly supported Pamela Sims' housing development proposal and urged the Commissions to resolve this issue once and for all.

Sarah Menefee, was concerned about the way people are pitting the need to protect the environment and protect human needs. She spoke of the destruction of public housing and suggested that people care more about raccoons than children. She supported housing for the community.

Dorothy Yanagi Lawrence, a business owner in the Bayview/Hunters Point area, was displaced several times because of redevelopment. She was very close to the neighbors and wanted to see the community find jobs. She felt Ms. Pamela Sims' proposal was a beginning to give able bodied men of the community a chance to work.

Louise Vaughn, a victim of eminent domain action at the Geneva Towers housing project, said she is homeless. She spoke of the use of drugs, the genocide plan to put the African male in the criminal justice system, and the corrupt Police Department. Her children and grandchildren were important to her and she felt she had a right to have a home. She supported Pamela Sims' proposal.

Mary Ratcliff, supported Pamela Sims and all efforts to develop a strong economy so that there will be prosperity that once existed in the Bayview/Hunters Point community. She said when the Hunters Point Shipyard closed 17,000 jobs were lost, 10,000 from the Bayview area. She said this issue is an historic occasion when an African American woman has an opportunity to develop 30 acres of land.

Willie Ratcliff, said that this issue was an effort to revitalize the community by development. He was tired of seeing others exploit the Bayview community and urged the Commission to vote on the compromise proposed. He said acquiring land for a parking lot for the Forty Niners football team was shameful.

Alan Weaver, a member of the City's Park and Open Space Advisory Committee, supported the acquisition of the upper portion of Bayview Hill. He was not interested in acquiring the flat area along Jamestown and supported the compromise. He said children need housing as well as trees, birds, flowers, etc.

Marshall S. Sanders, supported Pamela Sims' development proposal because it would provide affordable housing for the City. He said that Recreation and Park should focus more of its attention on keeping parks clean and maintaining broken play equipment. He said that the naked land should be developed and felt it was a good project.

Al Kurtz, supported the compromise presented by staff to develop the lower portion of Bayview Hill and to protect the upper portion as open space. He understood the need for housing. He said there was also a need to have open space for the City's children.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM**
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued)

Robbyn Morris, supported Pamela Sim's plan for housing and said the property was attained with the idea of developing it for the community. She is a member of the Audubon Society and Sierra Club but supported the housing plan because she was also a member of community and cared about people.

Leboriae Smoore, said that children are being brutalized and that nobody is thinking about a park for children. She said that children should be protected and that the focus should not be on greed, money and wealth.

Cheryl Towns, a resident of the Bayview/Hunters Point community, supported the housing proposal for the Bayview Hill area. She liked open space but felt the community needed jobs. She said Recreation and Park has never contacted the community about the need to have additional parking for the Forty Niners. She said that Pamela Sims had the right to develop the Bayview Hill property as she deemed fit. She thought a compromise had been reached to provide open space and housing.

Wayne Hu, representing the Marin County Public Administrator, said he has been representing the estate of Carl Donnelly, the property owner of Bayview Hill. The Public Administrator wanted to resolve this issue and while he has been negotiating with the City for over 1-1/2 years, there has been little progress. He could not proceed until a decision was given by the Commissions and noted that there still is a substantial difference of opinion among the parties on the value of the property.

Greg Freeman, supported the concept of having the lower portion of the property for housing. He said there has been a master plan for the South Bayshore for some time and yet nothing has happened. He wanted to see the lower portion of the Bayview Hill developed by Pamela Sims for affordable housing. He urged the Commission to take action on the compromise presented by staff and not postpone a decision.

Pamela Sims, a beneficiary to the Carl Donnelly estate thanked everyone who worked on the compromise proposal presented at the meeting. She supported the recommendation made to her by Director of Planning, Lou Blajez. She felt that the Recreation and Park Department had not relinquished its interest on the lower portion of the Bayview site and thought parking was not an appropriate use. She said it was difficult to reach the compromise presented and the community was not satisfied with the process.

3:25 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. the Joint Commissions recessed.

Note for the Record: *The City Planning Commission acted separately on the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City's Master Plan.*

Director of Planning, Lou Blajez, explained that the Planning Commission needed to take action to amend the recreation and open space element of the City's Master Plan. The outstanding issue has been whether the land along Jamestown should be included as part of the open space element. The staff recommendation was that this area not be included and that only the hillside portion of Bayview Hill be recommended for open space acquisition.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM**
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued)

Steve Shotland, of the Planning Department, said the resolution amends the recreation and open space element of the Master Plan and designates the south side portions of the Bayview Hill property as suitable for acquisition as public open space. He outlined the changes in the proposed resolution for adoption by the City Planning Commission which stated that the level portions of Bayview Hill site should be excluded from acquisition for open space. Mr. Shotland referred to a map that delineated the parcels of land. Mr. Blajez read a description of what was depicted on the map of Jamestown subdivision (referred to as Exhibit B) prepared by Transamerica Engineers Associates, dated January 1991, Job #3806.1.

On motion of Commissioner Prowler, seconded by Commissioner Boomer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 13963

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the San Francisco Charter requirements that the City Planning Commission adopt and maintain, including necessary changes therein, a Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Certain portions of the Master Plan may over time become obsolete; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission adopted the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan by Resolution No. 11067 on July 9, 1987; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, by Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991 to add Citywide Policy #13, which states "Preserve and protect significant Natural Areas," and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan adopting Resolution No. 13411 on October 1, 1992, to add and revise policies on regional recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to acquire and develop additional public open space, as well as to renovate and maintain it; and

WHEREAS, Since 1987 many of the sites proposed to be acquired as open space in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" have been or are in the process of being acquired to serve the needs of San Francisco residents; and

WHEREAS, As part of Case No. 95.120EMR, the Commission considered a Master Plan Amendment for the 1994-1995 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, to add four sites, including the Bayview Hill site, as "Proposed Public Open Space" that were not designated in the Recreation and Open Space Element as proposed public open space by either policy or map; and

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM**
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued) **RES. NO. 13963 (Continued)**

WHEREAS, At its hearing on May 4, 1995, the Planning Commission removed the Bayview Hill Site from the proposed Master Plan Amendment, deferring considering acquisition of the level portion of Bayview Hill site adjacent to Jamestown Avenue until it considered adoption of the South Bayshore Plan, but did find acquisition of the hillside portion of the site (Phase 1 and 11 - natural area) in conformity with the Master Plan as part of the 1995-1996 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program and approved it for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, At its July 20, 1995 hearing on the Bayshore Plan (Case No. 89.120EMTZ), the Commission determined to consider acquisition of the entire Bayview Hill site including the level portion adjacent to Jamestown Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The following site, contained in EXHIBIT A and listed below, is proposed to be added to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space":

a) Bayview Hill site, adjacent to Bayview Hill Park, AB 4991, (portions); and

WHEREAS, There is support for acquisition of the site in order to protect and conserve remaining natural areas in the City, to improve recreation opportunities in the South Bayshore District and citywide; and

WHEREAS, Acquisition of the site would enlarge an existing public park (Bayview Hill Park), protect a significant natural area which supports Mission blue butterfly habitat [a rare and Endangered species] and other native plants and animals, provide a recreational amenity in a "High Need" area; and

WHEREAS, On balance, the proposed amendments are consistent with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Sections 3.525 and 6.413 notice was duly given of a public hearing by the City Planning Commission to consider adoption of an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, which hearing was held on September 28, 1995; and

WHEREAS, On September 28, 1995, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and considered testimony related to the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, The Commission deems the proposed amendments to be appropriate and desires to adopt them as part of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Commission, after hearing public testimony, determines that the level portion of the Bayview Hill site should be excluded from acquisition;

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM**
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued) **RES. NO. 13963 (Continued)**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission, before acting on the proposed Master Plan amendment, does hereby certify that it has reviewed, considered, and approved the information contained in the Certificate of Determination of Exemption/Exclusion from Environmental Review, under General Rule Exclusion (State Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) prepared for Case No. 95.120E, which considered a proposed Master Plan amendment and acquisition of the subject property;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission hereby ADOPTS an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, adding the hillside portions of following site shown in "Exhibit A" to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan:"

a) Bayview Hill site, adjacent to Bayview Hill Park, AB 4991 (portions).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission removes from consideration, acquisition of the level portion of the site along Jamestown Avenue and a portion of the hillside along the toe of the hill, shown in EXHIBIT B;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commission shall record the action taken in this Resolution on the adopted amendment and shall certify a copy thereof to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Charter.

EXHIBIT A Map showing (a) the location of the site proposed to be added to, the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space," in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan," of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan. Site proposed to be added to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space," in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan."

a) Bayview Hill site, adjacent to Bayview Hill Park, AB 4991 (portions).

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Boomer, Fung, Levine, Prowler, Unobskey
Absent: Lowenerg, Martin

Steve Shotland, of the Planning Department, explained that the City Planning Commission must adopt a resolution to consider acquisition of the elevated portion of the Bayview Hill site as open space.

On motion of Commissioner Boomer, seconded by Commissioner Levine, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to be supported by an annual Ad Valorem tax of two and one-half cents ($0.025) for each one hundred dollars ($100) assessed valuation, for a 15-year period; and

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued) **RES. NO. 13964**

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 specifies that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission meeting jointly; and

WHEREAS, In formulating the 1995-1996 program, the sixth year of the program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee, which were made after several months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations, and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan was amended by CPC Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991, to add Policy 13, which states: "Preserve and protect significant Natural Areas," and includes criteria to determine whether a site constitutes a Significant Natural Resource Area worthy of protection; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Park and Open Space Program was determined by the San Francisco Department of City Planning (hereinafter "Department") to be categorically exempt from the environmental review process under a General Rule Exclusion, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission has reviewed and concurs with said determination; and

WHEREAS, The program responds to the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on May 4, 1995, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, the program entitled "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1995-1996," dated May 4, 1995; and

WHEREAS, The Acquisition and Development section of the Program proposed funding for acquisition and development of a number of sites, including the entire Bayview Hill Site, AB 4991, lots 29, 31-34, 38, 44; and

WHEREAS, The hillside portions of the Bayview Hill Site have been considered under Policy 13, the "Significant Natural Resource Policy," and approved for funding in 1995-1996 and previous years; and

WHEREAS, The level portion of the Bayview Hill site, proposed for acquisition as public open space, is not designated in the Recreation and Open Space Element as "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space":

a) Bayview Hill site, AB 4991 lots 29, 31-34, 38, 44

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued) **RES. NO. 13964 (Continued)**

WHEREAS, Acquisition of the site would: enlarge existing Bayview Hill Park, protect and preserve native plant and animal habitats on the hillside, and permit development of the level portion of the site adjacent to Jamestown Avenue into an active recreational facility for the Bayview/Hunters Point neighborhood and permit it to be used for parking for nearby Candlestick Point Stadium for high-attendance events approximately 25 days per year; and

WHEREAS, At a public hearing on May 4, 1995, the City Planning Commission considered the program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, 1995-1996," which included the entire Bayview Hill site, but did not take action on the Bayview Hill site; and

WHEREAS, At a public hearing on May 4, 1995, the Planning Commission also considered Case No. 94.120M, a proposed amendment of the Recreation and Open Space Element, to add four sites including the entire Bayview Hill site, to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" under the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space," but did not take action on the Bayview Hill site; and

WHEREAS, At a public hearing on August 17, the Planning Commission considered Case No. 95.400M, a proposed amendment of Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Element,: adding the entire Bayview Hill Site to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space;" now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby find the acquisition of the Bayview Hill site, Assessor's Block 4991, lots 29, 31-34, 38, 44, to be in conformity with the Master Plan, including the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, and in accord with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commission shall record the action taken in this Resolution on the Master Plan Referral on the proposed acquisition of the Bayview Hill site as public open space and to support nearby Candlestick Stadium and shall certify a copy thereof to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Charter.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Boomer, Fung, Levine, Prowler, Unobskey
Absent: Lowenerg, Martin

Mr. Blajez said by taking this action the City Planning Commission is affirming that housing shall be the appropriate use for this property. There has also been an issue for the need for parking for major events at the stadium. He recommended that staff initiate a study and to work with the community to develop a special use overlay that would allow the type of parking that is needed for this area.

Commissioner Levine suggested that a task force be put together with staff from Recreation and Park, City Planning and Parking and Traffic, as well as members of the community and representatives from the San Francisco Forty Niners to work out solutions to the parking needs at the stadium.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION PROGRAM**
BAYVIEW HILL (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, outlined the staff recommendation to the Recreation and Park Commission to acquire the upper portion of the Bayview Hill and exclude the lower portion. He felt it was appropriate to identify the Exhibit B map previously referenced by the Department of City Planning. He further explained that Recreation and Park would be eager to participate in a task force to find a solution to the parking problem at the stadium.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9509-172

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the acquisition of the undeveloped northeast slope of Bayview Hill (excluding the level portion along Jamestown Avenue and the portion of the slope extending approximately 120 feet south of the existing toe of the slope excluding the approximately 400 frontage feet on the east and west ends of the property which should not be developed beyond 120 feet south of Jamestown) as a significant natural resource area (referred to as Exhibit "B"), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission pledges to work with the Planning Commission and the neighborhood to create a special use district in the vicinity of the stadium to provide a long-term solution to provide approximately 10,000 additional vehicle parking spaces for the stadium.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Chan,

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Boyd, chairman of the committee for public safety for the North of Market Planning Coalition, presented a petition from the residents and merchants of the Tenderloin regarding the condition of Boedekker Park. He wanted the Commission to understand that there is drug and alcohol abuse at this park and that the park and sidewalks surrounding the park are covered with urine, trash and discarded syringes. People are afraid to enter the park because of this activity. He did not want to point fingers but rather find a resolution to the problem. He suggested that a committee be appointed with a member from the Recreation and Park Commission, the Recreation and Park Department, the recreation director at Boedekker Park, the Tenderloin Task Force, the Police Department, the Mayor's Office representative, 2 members of a non profit agency such as North of Market Planning or Glide Memorial Church, 3 members from small businesses in the Tenderloin and 5 residents of the Tenderloin. He wanted the Commission to install 2 security cameras to assist the Police Department to monitor criminal activities that occur in the park.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Johnny Spain, explained that a survey was done on Boeddeker Park and only 32 of the 450 returned surveys said they use the park. He wanted the Commission to become part of the community and to maintain the sidewalk surrounding Boeddeker Park. He said it is more common to see drug dealing rather than children playing at the park. He wanted the Commission to send a letter to the Mayor asking him to support Boeddeker Park and to send a letter to every service agency in the City endorsing the community's efforts. He said the community feels the park is in deplorable condition.

President Immendorf said he concurred with the statements made by the speakers, has spoken to Recreation and Park staff about the condition of Boeddeker Park, and the need to take some drastic action. He suggested that this issue be calendared at a future meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission or one of its subcommittees.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1995 - 1:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 5, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**
   Present:
   Jack Immendorf, President
   Bella Farrow
   Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
   Angelo Quaranta
   Vincent J. Rovetti (noted present at 3:00 p.m.)
   Santiago Ruiz
   Absent:
   Sidney Chan, Vice President

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
   PARK CLOSURE
   Consideration to close Golden Gate Park from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. daily.

   Assistant Superintendent of Parks, James Cooney, explained that there have been serious problems in Golden Gate Park of encampments, unsanitary conditions, trafficking in drugs and other illegal activities. The Mayor's expanded Matrix program has been relatively successful, however, problems remain and there are serious questions about public safety in Golden Gate Park. The Police Department has received reports of night time physical assaults.

   In order to improve public safety in Golden Gate Park the Mayor has asked the Recreation and Park Commission to enact an evening closure of the park from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. every day until further notice. This is not an unique circumstance and, in the past, the Commission has found it necessary in the interest of public safety to approve closure of parts of Golden Gate Park and for the 64 other Recreation and Park facilities. It is not intended that park operations or the lawful business operations of the institutions located in the park would be affected by this action. To that end, Recreation and Park employees will be issued identification cards. Staff has contacted the museums and the California Academy of Sciences to notify them that their employees will need to have identification cards. Concessionaires have been notified that if their employees need to be in the park during the prescribed closure they will need identification cards. Anybody who has a valid permit will be exempted from the closure and copies of these permits are provided to the Richmond and Park Police stations. Mr. Cooney said it was not practical to identify all of the park users, such as the Beach Chalet restaurant or the Golden Gate Park Stables employees that may have to be in the park to attend to a sick horse. These type of circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

Staff recommended that the Commission approve a policy to close Golden Gate Park from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Through vehicular traffic, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, its officers, employees, concessionaires and permitees, as well as staff and guests of those institutions located in Golden Gate Park, in the normal course of business, would be exempted. Mr. Cooney also suggested that the Panhandle be exempted from this action.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this issue is one of public safety as opposed to being an anti-homeless crusade. Staff of the Department is familiar with the calls received and the concerns expressed by the public for their safety, particularly at night. This is not a social program but rather an effort to give the Police Department some tools to protect public safety.

Deputy Chief Frank Reed, of the San Francisco Police Department, explained that during the last several weeks the Police Department has been involved in a matrix enforcement program in Golden Gate Park that was preceded by outreach efforts by the Department of Social Services and Department of Public Health. It became apparent that there was a serious safety issue from the night of the recent shooting in Golden Gate Park where a police officer was wounded and 2 people who were camping in the park were injured. People the Police Department has encountered in its early morning operations has recounted unreported incidents of being intimidated, beaten, and robbed. There is a general feeling of lawlessness in the park. Through this matrix program the Police Department generated 1000 citations and 120+ arrests and, at the same time, the City's social service agencies have offered outreach. Many times, citizens and visitors have thanked them for their efforts particularly along the Fulton Street side of the park where Police have identified more than 50 encampments that are full of refuse, human waste, infestation, etc. A curfew in the park would give the Police Department another tool to ensure public safety.

Public Comment

Michael Hillson, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, explaining that he was an early riser and liked to use the park during those hours.

Ray Masterson, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, saying this policy will only hurt people who sleep in the park. He asked when the City was going to begin to help put homeless people's lives together rather than treating them like sub-class citizens. The other park closures were designed to protect the small neighborhood parks with children's play areas.

Sister Bernie Galvin, Director of Religious Witness for Homeless People, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, and appealed to the Commission's personal and corporate sense of decency and compassion. She said that the Matrix program may have gained a cleaner park but in so doing the City lost a bit of its soul. The park is home to many people and poor people live there peacefully. She said the homeless have been criminalized by the City's Matrix program. She urged the Commission to deny Mayor Jordan's request for the curfew.

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

Ben Bernheim, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, explaining that he was not homeless but needed the park as a refuge. He deeply needed to lay down in the solitude of the park to get away from the every day civilization. He walks among the trees and knows how not to disturb the wilderness of the park.

Alan Botts, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He has been a resident of the City since 1980 and felt the closure was part of the Matrix crackdown. He uses the park in the night and concurred that safety was a concern but one uses precaution by walking with someone and staying alert. He sympathized with the desire to clean up the park but felt the curfew was another level of criminality. He felt that tax-paying citizens should be able to use the park when they want to.

Greg Gaar, a member of the Board of Directors of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He believed that the curfew was not necessary since it is already illegal to camp in the park, to deal drugs, and to assault people. The only people impacted by this measure will be the pedestrians, dog walkers, joggers, etc. He does not own a car and uses a bicycle as his mode of transportation. He questioned if the exemption of vehicular traffic included bicycles.

Josh Brandon, a journalist, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, and said it was totally unnecessary, impractical and would lower the quality of life for all of San Francisco. He thought the Commission was being asked to perform a political act rather than a practical one. He enumerated the recent shooting that occurred in the park and said the facts are very sketchy. He thought it was unwise to close the entire park because of this incident and was poor public policy.

Jason Albertson, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, saying that the closure will affect homeless people and will be setting social policy. He felt that the Matrix II program was an inconsiderate attempt at political grandstanding for the upcoming Mayoral election. He felt that until safe housing can be afforded to the homeless, they will be forced to sleep out of doors and punishing them is an unforgivable crime. He felt that approving the closure will unjustly restrict the rights of all citizens.

Michael McLoone, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, and said when he grew up on the East Coast he was intrigued by San Francisco and ultimately moved to the City in 1993. He lives near the park, spends as much time as he can inside the park, and often uses it at night. He opposed this drastic measure because it will be unenforceable, will close off the park to people, and will pull law enforcement from its other responsibilities to enforce the closure.

Reverend Zac Sayplis, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He said he speaks to God daily and every now and then God responds to him. God informed Rev. Sayplis to attend the meeting and inform the Commission that the Matrix Plan and closing of City parks is not a charitable act and is a form of human repression that is conceived by the police mentality. He felt that all of the City's parks should remain open.

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

Hank Obermayer, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park and explained that he walks in the park many times in the night and finds it peaceful, quiet and serene. He works for the Mission Housing Development Corporation, one of the many affording housing developers addressing the City's homeless crisis by creating decent, affordable housing. There is a 2-4 year waiting list for his agency and others like it. He said the homeless cannot be swept away and it is wrong to criminalize homelessness because of lack of resources.

Jennifer Friedenbach, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She loves the fact that there is a 1000 acre park in the middle of the City. She uses the park many times in the night passing from the Richmond to the Sunset district. She said that if the closure is done for the issue of safety then the MUNI Railway should also be closed because people are assaulted on the transit system every day.

Mary Kate Conner, a member of the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She has been involved on issues of homelessness and other social issues for over 10 years. She explained that over 900 signatures have been collected from concerned citizens and merchants in surrounding neighborhoods opposed to this issue. This closure will eliminate people's choices. He said there are not enough shelters for the homeless nor substance abuse treatment centers. She felt that this social issue should more properly be considered by the Social Services Commission.

Judith Appel, representing the National Lawyers Guild, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She opposed the closure on many grounds but the greatest concern was the long term civil rights ramifications of closing the 1000 acres to residents at night. Closing the park will cut off the rights of people in the park and people that live around the park. She felt that the potential for violence in the neighborhoods is much greater than in Golden Gate Park. She felt that the Commission should not push people out of the park without some sort of resolution to the homeless problem.

John Crew, representing the American Civil Liberties Union, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He questioned this proposal when the Police Department has offered no explanation as to why the other Park Code provisions are not adequate to address the problem. Golden Gate Park is not a like a neighborhood park and it is unique. It has never been closed at night and it is a radical proposal that will fundamentally change the relationship of this park to the people of San Francisco. There have been only 2 weeks notice on this issue with no attempt to analyze the impact of the closure. He was unaware of any public demand to have Golden Gate Park closed.

Greg Winter, an employee at the Hamilton Family Center, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. The Center serves between 50-70 families a night and if the park is closed it will not facilitate the relocation of homeless people into the City's shelters because they are always full. Collectively, the City's shelters turn away thousands of people and those that seek refuge in the park do not do so voluntarily but do so because there is lack of housing.

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

Mavel, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She is homeless and one of the reasons was due to the lack of available housing. She said people should have adequate, safe and acceptable housing and that the City's homeless shelters resemble human chicken coops.

Helen Koch, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, explaining that the park has been her home for 7 years. She said she helps the gardening staff, keeps her area clean, and picks up after others. She said the police officers are doing their job. She did not think the park should be taken away from them because it is a public property and they are the public.

Thomas Muldown, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, and explained that he was one of the persons shot during the night when Matrix II began. He has been using the park for some time and felt it would be a gross miscarriage of justice to close the park.

Timothy Craig Maschok, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He said it this proposal is not good for the homeless or for public safety and noted that the streets are dangerous. He did not think the proposal was fair to the citizens and felt that people should be able to use the park when they want.

Rabbi Pam Friedman Baugh, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She encouraged the Commission to make a decision in favor of the park and not get involved in politics. She asked the Commission to defer taking action for 60 days. She did not think homeless people would leave the park because of the closure. She suggested that funds be set aside for public restrooms and more refuse receptacles for the homeless.

Father John Butcher, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, His church, St. Peter's at 29th and Geary, offers a sanctuary every night and there is not enough room for everyone who is in need. He suggested that the Commission defer taking action until after the Mayoral election.

Nikki Ian, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She said that money is being slashed for mental health care and social services and closing the park will infringe on everybody's rights.

Michael Prosten, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He has been conducting a 4 year study on the homeless people in the United States. He said he keeps his camp clean and reminds others to keep their camp site clean. He felt that the restrooms should be opened so that fecal matter is not present in the park. He asked the Commission to work with the homeless rather than against them.

Ian Campbell, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He said he is an outlaw. He had 26 months in combat and has been arrested by the Police because he had no place to use a restroom. He represents the San Francisco Dogs, a gang, who is ready to fight.

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

Father Louis Vitale, Chairman of the Board of St. Anthony's Foundation, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He said 12 years ago there was a need for more housing and that need has only grown. There are people sleeping on the streets and some of those who come into the church during the day are delirious because they have been walking and wandering around all night.

Patrisha Vestey, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She has lived in the neighborhood surrounding Golden Gate Park for 15 years and walks in the park daily. Since Matrix II several people have begun sleeping in front of her house. She has tolerated it although it was easier having them in the park. Recently, the Police informed these people they had to leave even when she informed the Police that they had her permission to use her doorstep.

Conceicco de Queeter (Jeannette), spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She said the closure would be bad for her because of the business she operates. She keeps the business open late and the closure would create a severe hardship on her livelihood. She pays taxes and needs to have her business open late.

Donna Gouse, President of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC), spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. HANC is opposed to the curfew proposal. As neighbors of the park HANC residents use it at all hours and have the right to use it as do all people in the City including the homeless. HANC's biggest concern is that there will be selective enforcement. Police resources should go to preventing violent crime in the neighborhoods rather than a curfew in the park.

Ruth Pleaner, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. As a parent of two young children, she and her family use the park all the time. She has never encountered any threat of violence in the park. She has a difficult time explaining to her child why people have to live in the park. She urged the Commission to keep the park open to everybody.

Robert Wilson, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He works with Community Housing Partnership, which manages 2 buildings and offers affordable, supportive housing in the City for homeless people. They have a waiting list and and are now serving people who signed up in April of 1994.

Sarah Menefee, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park, and was horrified by the discussion. She was sickened that this issue was being debated rather than finding a solution to the country's homeless problem. She noted that the only crime committed by the homeless is that they are poor and live under a government that will not take care of them.

Louise Vaughn, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She was homeless after living 11 years at the Geneva Towers, housing development. While she does not live in Golden Gate Park, she may need to reside there in the future. She asked the Commission to not take way their homes and then take away the parks.

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

Chris Daly, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He said that as more housing is taken away there are more homeless in the park. He read a letter from the Harvey Milk Lesbian Gay Bisexual Democratic Club supporting the Coalition on Homelessness efforts to oppose the Mayor's application to impose a curfew on Golden Gate Park. Criminalizing the poor does not begin to solve the real problems facing poor people in the City. He urged the Commission to vote against this proposal.

Paul Wiegand, an amateur photographer, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He has used the park in late evening hours for photographic opportunities form. He has never been accosted, approached or hassled by anyone in the park. He hoped that Golden Gate Park would remain open.

Rosemary Bacy, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She has lived in the Sunset District for many years and has been a park user for over 60 years. She asked the Commission to keep the park open.

Paul Boden, representing the Coalition on Homelessness, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He said the Commission has not visited any of the homeless shelters. The Commission's record is to close 61 parks and the Police arrest people for sleeping. The legacy this Commission will leave is to close the City's parks to San Franciscans. He resented being put under a 2 minute time frame to decide this closure rather than having a thoughtful discussion about the issue.

Marcia Rosen, Deputy Director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She complained about the special meeting first being noticed on Rosh Hoshanah and the fact that the meeting room was small with no sound system. She lives in close proximity to Golden Gate Park and uses Recreation and Park programs and services. She said that the Commission's rules provide for subcommittees and regular meetings, and that this issue was not discussed in a thoughtful process and added that the Commission has the authority to close the parks, not the Mayor. She said the Commission knew in its heart that it is wrong to approve the closure.

Scott Handleman, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He was outraged and disgusted that this issue was being considered. He said he cannot "hang out" on the streets and would prefer to "hang out" in the park. All the public areas are being fenced off and everyone is being isolated. While he recognized that even though the Commission may have the legal authority to close the park, he said that all those who testified on this issue feel the park should not be closed.

2:50 to 2:55 p.m. President Immendorf left the meeting room.

Patricia Carey, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She has been working with the Food Not Bombs organization chopping vegetables to feed some of the hungry people. She has heard that Keith McHenry, the leader of Food Not Bombs has been arrested countless times. In 1985 the McKinney Act was passed which provided that empty buildings resulting from military base closure should be used to house the homeless. Now that there are military closures, none of the buildings are offered to the homeless. She said we are all our brother's keepers.

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

Jo Hirschman, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She said the reason people live in the parks is because they have nowhere else to go due to a lack of affordable housing in the City. The focus should be to find long term solutions to the crisis. She strongly urged the Commission to block this proposal and to make sure the parks stay open. People who live in the park have the right to a place to sleep and to live without police harassment. They are entitled to basic human rights.

Laura Arnow, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. She lives near the park and considers its residents her neighbors. She knows that camping in the park disturbs some people, mostly for aesthetic reasons, but how much does it really hurt to allow our neighbors to use the park peacefully as a temporary home.

Reverend Charles Lerrigo, of Calgary United Methodist Church, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He said there is an unique opportunity for the Commission to vote to keep the park open. There are people who are not present at the meeting who want to sweep the homeless off the street. He felt that the City was not dealing with the major problem of homelessness which has a human face and breath.

Terry Skillings, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park. He said he has been camping in the park for years and has never been caught camping in the park. He keeps his area clean and stated that the Police will never find him. He asked the Commission to make a wise decision and vote to keep the park open.

Norbet Nichols, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Golden Gate Park and quoted from Shakespeare's play, King Lear. He hated what the Mayor has done but would not surrender to his hatred. King Lear prayed for the homeless and wished he had more pity when he was a powerful king. He ended his statement by singing the words, "...come on , let's smile on one another, everybody get together and try to love one another right now..."

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Commissioner Ruiz said Deputy Chief Reed stated that 1000 citations had been issued but he wanted more specific information on the ongoing activity of the park and the complaints from the community.

Lieutenant Griffin of the Park Police Station, said he did not have those statistics in his possession but that the Police computer system could compile a report. He did say there is crime in the park and daily he sees the mess in the park. There are significant problems in the Alvord Lake and Children's play area of the park.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, **Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon,** said he was not aware of a series of complaints since the implementation of Matrix II. However, there is an issue of public health problems for both staff and park users. From the Park Division perspective there is definite degradation to the park and there are health problems posed to staff, park users and the homeless.

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

Assistant Superintendent of Parks, James Cooney, said the gardeners must work in a very unhealthy situation. According to Mr. Cooney, the Captain at the Richmond Police Station said that the complaints he receives from the public relate to the filthy situation of the park. Most of the physical assaults occur on the homeless by others who are homeless; these cases are unreported.

President Immendorf asked Lieutenant Griffin if he thought the closure was enforceable and asked if it would alleviate the park's cleanliness and safety issues. Lieutenant Griffin thought the closure would assist the Police Department and said the Police always use discretion when dealing with these types of situations.

In response to Commissioner Quaranta's question, Mr. Arnold said that from a public safety standpoint the Department's costs will not increase or decrease by taking action on the closure. The employees' safety has been compromised for a number of years. The Department budgets $30-50,000 to offer staff additional safety precautions. Commissioner Quaranta said the Commissioner's role was to make sure that the parks are beautiful for users and visitors. Mr. Arnold said that the park is deteriorating because of a change in its use and there is a shift of gardening responsibilities from horticultural work to an emphasis on custodial needs.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold said it is illegal for overnight camping in the park after 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Quaranta said that he felt that the Commission's role is to ensure that the park is beautiful and made a motion to approve the closure. Commissioner Rovetti seconded this motion.

President Immendorf asked if Commissioner Quaranta would consider an amendment to his motion to change the closure from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Commissioners Quaranta and Rovetti concurred with this amendment.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question regarding the closure hour of 11:00 p.m., Lieutenant Griffin explained that at the Alvord Lake area in the park (an area already closed at 10:00 p.m.) drug dealings and assaults decrease after the closure.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. de Leon said that state parks are not only closed but are physically gated. He was unaware of any other major urban parks in the country that were closed in the evening hours.

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PARK CLOSURE (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.9510-174

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a policy that Golden Gate Park will be closed from 12:00 midnight to 5:00 a.m. with the following exemptions:

❶Through vehicular traffic;*
❷Panhandle shall be excluded from this closure;
❸Recreation and Park Department officers, employees, concessionaires and permitees required to be in the park as part of their normal course of business;
❹Employees and patrons of the institutions in Golden Gate Park.

**The City Attorney has advised that vehicular traffic includes bicycles*

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Farrow, Immendorf, Mc-Ardle-Solomon, Quaranta, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Chan

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note for the Record: No public comment was received.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1995 - 4:20 P.M.
400 Van Ness Avenue, Room 322

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 28, 1995 at 4:20 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Jack Immendorf, President
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Angelo Quaranta
Vincent J. Rovetti
Santiago Ruiz

Absent:
Sidney Chan, Vice President
Bella Farrow

2. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM
O'SHAUGHNESSY HOLLOW

Approval of settlement of litigation regarding acquisition of O'Shaughnessy Hollow through the Open Space Program. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.(a) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, recommended approval of the settlement of the litigation regarding the acquisition of O'Shaughnessy Hollow.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9509-173

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of litigation regarding acquisition of O'Shaughnessy Hollow through the Open Space Program.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Note for the Record: No public comment was received.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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708th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Eighth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 19, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President Sidney Chan.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti

Absent: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Regular Meeting of August 17, 1995
Special Meeting of September 7, 1995

Note for the Record: *This item was referred to the next meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission*

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION/URBAN PARK AND RECREATION ALLIANCE The annual conference of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the fall meeting of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance took place two weeks ago in San Antonio, Texas. As usual, it was an excellent opportunity to hear about new and innovative ideas and share ideas about how to solve common problems.

Perhaps the most useful of the various sessions was the day long get-together of the Urban Park administrators. Part of the day was spent with the consultants to the Lila Wallace Foundation, who are designing a series of regional and two national conferences on urban park problems. They have funding to provide much needed resource people and materials that will allow all of us to better share unique solutions to common problems. I have since spent some time with the consultants lobbying to have one of the national conferences in San Francisco. In addition, a representative of Nike participated in the get-together to look at how that corporation might become more involved in recreation and park related issues. A day long institute on "at-risk youth" brought a call for NRPA to set up a special section or division on this issue and to seek private funding to develop information on effective programming and evaluation of such programs to validate their effectiveness.

I hope to be able to assemble a more detailed account of some of the other information I gathered at the conference and will share it with you when it is complete.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

RETIREMENT OF NAN NEAL, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION Tonight, at 7:00 p.m., at the United Irish Cultural Center, staff and friends will celebrate Nan Neal's 36 years with the Recreation and Park Department by honoring her with a retirement dinner. As you are aware, due to health reasons, Nan retired recently and we all are saddened to see her go. We are, of course, happy that her health is good and we wish her well and many years of a joy filled retirement.

RESIGNATION OF ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY DIRECTOR After nearly 22 years with the Zoological Society, Director Peggy Burks has decided to move on to new challenges now that the public/private transition of the Zoo is fully implemented. Peggy will remain at the Zoo until the end of the year to work out a smooth transition and to complete a number of crucial tasks for which she has been instrumental. She will then serve as a consultant for a six-month period to give advice and complete several key projects.

Peggy has been a wonderful leader and a terrific inspiration at the Zoo. From her early work to help establish the operation of the Zoological Society and create the tremendous growth in membership (from 350 to over 25,000) to her work helping raise $17 million (for the Primate Discovery Center and the Founder's Fund), she has dedicated herself tirelessly to the Zoo. She also spurred the development of the education department and volunteer participation.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET COMMITTEE Yesterday was the third in a series of five hearings scheduled by the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors on long-range budget issues. I have attached a copy of my written response to the specifically posed questions but would like to highlight several issues:

a. We are going into the next budget year with several known cost increase that could tally as much as $7.3 million:

▪Compensation increases	$2.5 million
▪Annualization of supplemental	$ .5 million ($2.2 million if Mayor's Office does not include this as part of baseline budget
▪Loss of one-time revenues	$2.6 million

b. Growing deterioration of physical plant due to age impact of deferred maintenance and new legal mandates (toxic removals, ADA requirements).

c. Demographic changes anticipated over the next ten years as they relate to growing numbers of teenagers who are also in the fastest growing segment of the population involved in violent crime.

GOLDEN GATE PARK LOG REMOVAL The storms of last winter generated quantities of logs previously without parallel. With the assistance of the Purchasing Department, the Recreation and Park Department has prepared sale documents and awarded the bid to a forest products company in Susanville, California. There continue to be difficulties in coordinating the actual removal of the logs from park property The company has delivered some of its equipment to the log storage area and has accomplished some sorting of the accumulated materials.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

GOLDEN GATE PARK CLOSURE The Commission authorized the closure of Golden Gate Park from 12:00 midnight until 5:00 a.m., at its special meeting on October 19, 1995. The Department has submitted an order for appropriate signage with its vendor and prepared a letter of notification for all concerned businesses and other interested parties. The signage will be placed on or about November 1, 1995. The San Francisco Police Department and the Office of the Mayor have been advised of the timetable. Exemptions: Through vehicular traffic including bicycles, San Francisco Police Department employees, the Recreation and Park Department, its officers, employees, concessionaires and permittees, as well as those institutions located in Golden Gate Park, their employees and patrons, in the normal course of business, and the Panhandle are exempted.

CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS A preliminary engineer's report on the Conservatory of Flowers building shows a need for major restoration of the facility. A group has been formed that includes the Garden Club, Conservatory Foundation, Foundation for San Francisco Architectural Heritage, Western Addition Society, Victorian Alliance and others to begin a fundraising campaign. It is estimated that, initially, $200,000 will be needed to place a temporary greenhouse in the yard area to house the most fragile plants and to contract for a complete building assessment and report. The total for restoration is estimated to be $7-10 million.

PERMIT AND RESERVATION POLICY At your request, staff is looking closely at the various aspects of sound restrictions We had hoped to have a review of that policy on this calendar. However, staff's preliminary review made it apparent that there are very different issues in many parks and we would suggest that we convene several neighborhood meetings to get community comments and then come back to you when that process is completed. In addition, I have asked for and received information from many cities throughout the country relating to their policies on fees and amplified sound. Judging from a very quick review of this material, most cities are dealing with some of the same problems that we are.

GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND FUNDING Due to a reduction in funding from the Hotel Tax Fund, the Golden Gate Park Band will have to restrict its performances for the coming year. Staff has received many calls and must explain that the Recreation and Park Department does not fund the band. The Chief Administrative Officer recommended a 10% reduction from the previous year's funding of $106,000, which would result in eliminating four performances. Any help you or the public may give in receiving adequate funding in future years would be greatly appreciated.

HAIGHT ASHBURY CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL Community requests for additional recreation programs at Grattan Playground has created a controversy between neighborhood residents and the operators of the Haight Ashbury Co-op Nursery School. Staff has received numerous requests for a Tiny Tot Program and Senior Citizen Program that would take place during the times of the current nursery school hours. Residents complain of the lack of access to the facility while the co-op operates a private day care program. They state that many families with small children are in need of a publicly operated program in order to better serve the community. The co-op has operated at Grattan for the past 20 years and serves approximately 22 youth per day Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, has met with both sides in this controversy and is optimistic that a compromise can be reached through these meetings.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

FRIENDS OF LAKE MERCED A volunteer group, Friends of Lake Merced, has been formed to protect and improve the Lake Merced area. They have reached out to the Recreation and Park Department, the Water Department, San Francisco State University, the Audubon Society, the Native Plant Society and all those interested in the area.

Some of their accomplishments include several well-attended organizational/informational meetings, a number of successful weekend clean-ups and the establishment of a data base. They are planning the restoration of certain native plant communities.

Active support of the goals of this Department and the Water Department include attendance at public meetings concerning the Lake, speaking in support of PRIDE and attending Public Utilities Commission meetings on Lake Merced water problems.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION LUNCH A luncheon has been planned to honor those individuals who were selected as employees of the month during 1994. It will be held on Friday, November 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Trocadero Clubhouse in Stern Grove. I cordially invite all Commissioners to join in honoring these employees.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of July 1995:

Vincent, Irma	$1,500.00	Brandeau, Anne M.	$1,300.00
Van Noland, Lawrence	351.81	Robles, Joe R.	304.44
Spingarn, Tracie	100.00	Nakadate, Dean	539.60
Ryan, Everett Powell	1,773.00		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, November 1, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, November 2, 1995	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Friday, November 3, 1995	Employee Recognition Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Stern Grove
Tuesday, November 7, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Friday, November 10, 1995	Veterans Day Holiday Observed (limited staffing)
Tuesday, November 14, 1995	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m Boeddeker Park, Jones & Eddy Streets

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 1095-175**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period August 4, 1995 through September 30, 1995.

B. **STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS MISSION STATEMENT** **RES. NO. 1095-176**

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the Mission and Vision Statement for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park.

C. **BALBOA PARK GIFT IN PLACE** **RES. NO. 1095-177**

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants conceptual approval of a gift in place from City College of San Francisco of batting cages, team dugouts and annual maintenance costs at the Sandberg Diamond for use at Balboa Park.

D. **PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST** **RES. NO. 1095-178**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract in the amount of $52,265 to Techknosis Co. to continue environmental consulting services through Fiscal-year 1995-96 and to include community facilitation services to the scope of work.

E. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 1095-179**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $46,753.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a) From Bill Graham Presents, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $9,916.00, for maintenance of the Polo Field, Golden Gate Park.

b) From Fred Adams, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for repair of Golden Gate Park Carrousel music system.

c) From San Francisco-Shanghai Sister City Committee, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $22,537.00, for maintenance and repair of Golden Gate Park Carrousel.

d) From Norcal Waste Systems, Inc. through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $8,300.00, for Little Hollywood Park security lighting project.

e) From After Work Tennis Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Junior Tennis Program.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

F. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS — RES. NO. 1095-180

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM:
John Curtis
P. O. Box 697
Healdsburg, CA 95448
Six (6) Unknown Sex Black Widow Spiders

PURCHASED FROM:
Point Defiance Zoo
5400 North Pearl Street
Tacoma, WA 98407
One (1) male and one (1) female Barrow's Goldeneye ducks, valued at $125 for the pair

SOLD TO:
Henry Doorly Zoo
South 19th Street
Omaha, NE 68107
One (1) female and one (1) male Colobus monkeys, valued at $750 for the pair

SOLD TO:
Zoological Animal Exchange
P. O. Box 164
Natural Bridge, VA 24578
Three (3) Male Kangaroos, valued at $1,500 for the group

PURCHASED FROM:
Denver Zoological Gardens
2300 Steele Street
Denver, Colorado 80205
Two (2) unknown Sex Cassowaries, valued at $4,000

PURCHASED FROM:
Franklin Park Zoo
One Franklin Park Road
Boston, Massachusetts 02121
One (1) Male Blue-Crowned Mot-Mot, valued at $250

PURCHASED FROM:
Los Angeles Zoo, USDA #93-C-003
5333 Zoo Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027
One (1) Male and One (1) Female Black Howl Monkeys, valued at $500 for the pair

PURCHASED FROM:
Krouts Pheasant Farm
3234 Skillman Lane
Petaluma, CA 94952
Three (3) female wild turkeys, valued at $87.50 fo the group

TRADE FROM:
Chaffee Zoo, USDA #93-C-004
894 West Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728-2891
Three (3) female and one (1) unknown sex Scarl ibis, valued at $1,000

SOLD TO:
Brit Spaugh Zoo
Box 215
Great Bend, KS 67530
Three (3) female Bennett's Wallabies, $750 for th group

PURCHASED FROM:
Santa Barbara Zoo
500 Ninos Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
One (1) unknown sex Red Crested Cardinal, value at $150

G. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM — RES. NO. 1095-181

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of the litigated claim filed by Robert Hughes in the amount of $10,000.

H. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM — RES. NO. 1095-182

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of the litigated claim filed by Elayne Werner in the amount of $1,500.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Quaranta, Ruiz

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF ZOO-WIDE RENOVATIONS
Conceptual approval of Asian Elephant Exhibit, White Alligator Exhibit and Northern Lynx Exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Note for the Record: This item was not considered at the October 19, 1995 meeting. It was referred to the next meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission.

6. **McKINLEY SQUARE**
RENOVATION
Approval of a renovation proposal for McKinley Square.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that this item is a proposal to renovate McKinley Square, located on Potrero Hill. This park dates back to the 19th century and there have been no major capital improvements made to it since it was established. The plan is to:

- renovate the children's play area, by expanding and modernizing it with ❶new swings, ❷a play structure for older children, ❸a tot structure for toddlers, and ❹a sand play area;
- boulders will be strategically placed to separate the play areas;
- picnic tables, benches, and a low fence will surround the park;
- improve circulation by the addition of pathways and four gated entrances to the park;
- install a disabled access ramp (previously approved by the Commission);
- install a new automatic irrigation system, planting and landscaping along 20th Street;
- remove the restroom building which has been closed for many years because of vandalism. A picnic area would be placed at this location.

The community felt that since the park is neighborhood-serving, there is a greater need for a picnic area than a restroom The renovatioin will be done in two phases at a cost of $526,000.

Joan Anthony, spoke in support of the renovation project and explained that a group of dedicated people have been working on this project since February 1993. She said the park dates back to the 1860's and there have been no improvements made to it for over 20 years.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 1095-183

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovation proposal for McKinley Square.

Approved by the following vote:
***Ayes:** Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti*
***Absent:** Commissioners Immendorf, Quaranta, Ruiz*

7. **BERNAL HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND**
PLAY AREA RENOVATION
Approval of a renovation proposal for the children's play area at Bernal Heights Playground.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained this item is a request to renovate the children's play area at Bernal Heights. Many residents have been complaining about the condition of the existing playground and staff has held three community meetings and a field trip. Ms. Wilson presented the conceptual plan for a sand play area for tots and a small tot structure that leads into a play structure for older kids. Play equipment, including tot swings, tire swings, and standard swings, will be installed and there will be disabled access with safety surface matting throughout the playground. The budget for the project is $227,000. In the future, staff would like to do some paving work around the asphalt area of the playground that would cost approximately $30,000.

At the Committee level there was discussion regarding the use of wood material for the play structures. Staff has discussed this issue with the community and they agreed that metal supports should be used rather than wood. Construction will begin in the Spring of 1997. Ms. Wilson further explained that that the construction specifications state that the playground cannot be demolished until the new equipment has been delivered and inspected by the City Engineer. Per staff's request, the community has written a letter specifying that they prefer to use the playground manufacturer, Columbia Cascade, and that they will not be upset if there is a delay in delivery of equipment.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said she asked the community to consider metal posts because they are more durable and have a longer life span than wooden posts.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 1095-184

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovation proposal for the children's play area at Bernal Heights Playground

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Quaranta, Ruiz

8. **JOSEPH LEE RECREATION CENTER**
APPROVAL OF MURAL PAINTING
Approval of agreement with Bayview Opera House for painting a mural at Joseph Lee Recreation Center.

Note for the Record: *This item was not considered at the October 19, 1995 meeting. It was referred to the next meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission.*

8a. 3COM PARK
STADIUM NAMING AGREEMENT
Approval of final terms of the Stadium Naming Agreement with the San Francisco Forty Niners.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that last month the Commission considered the stadium naming right agreement and authorized the General Manager to sign the final agreement. Staff felt that one revision relating to possessory interest tax needed to be considered by the Commission. Possessory Interest Tax is tax that is charged to private interests who control public property in lieu of property tax. It is not known whether the Assessor will levy a Possessory Interest Tax on this particular agreement but if it is imposed it will be no more than $8,000. The City would receive half of the tax and the balance would go to the State, resulting in a $496,000 naming rights fee rather than the agreed to $500,000. Staff felt the $496,000 fee was reasonable and in the spirit of what was approved at the Special Meeting. There is also one corrected page relating to the date on which the $500,000 payment needs to be made to the Department. The corrected page states that the payment will be paid within 3 days of execution of the agreement. There were also several technical changes made to the agreement. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the finalized agreement.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold said that the Forty Niners were unwilling to pay the extra cost of the Possessory Interest Tax. Commissioner Rovetti said that there were other firms/corporations that were interested in paying more than $500,000 for the naming rights to the stadium.

Mr. Arnold explained that both he and **James Lazarus of the Mayor's Office** have written over 40 letters to corporations and companies throughout the country and have not received any real interest in the naming rights.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Lazarus explained that Apple Computer informed him that they would submit a proposal for the naming rights three weeks ago for the period commencing in February, 1996. To date, no proposal has been received. Mr. Lazarus further explained that he will soon be discussing the proposed long term agreement for the naming rights which will also require approval from the Board of Supervisors. The issue of Possessory Interest Tax will be a significant issue for the long term agreement although there is question as to whether Possessory Interest Tax is applicable to this agreement.

Mr. Lazarus said that in other stadia if a company paid $1 Million a year for the naming rights they would expect that signage inside and surrounding the stadium would be provided free of charge. In this case, 3COM Corporation is paying an additional $350,000 to place advertising inside the stadium; the Department receives 65% of this revenue.

Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon asked to be furnished a list of the companies that have been contacted for the naming rights to the stadium.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 1095-185

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the final terms of the Stadium Naming Agreement with the San Francisco Forty Niners.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Quaranta, Ruiz

9. 3COM PARK
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST
Approval of supplemental appropriation request in the amount of $500,000 for design work at 3COM Park

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request to the Board of Supervisors to appropriate $500,000 for 3COM Park. The funds will be used to prepare for the Super Bowl and/or to comply with disabled access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA improvements are a subject of negotiation with the Department of Justice on a claim that has been made against the City on disability access to the stadium. The anticipated cost of the ADA improvements is approximately $2 Million.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, **James Lazarus of the Mayor's Office,** said that the issue of the 1999 Super Bowl has become convoluted because the President of the Forty Niners, Carmen Policy, recently discussed his desire for a new stadium. The Forty Niners want a new stadium and there is a scenario where a long term arrangement could be approved by Recreation and Park to have the Forty Niners build a privately owned and operated stadium on land leased from the Recreation and Park Commission at Candlestick Point by the turn of the century. If this arrangement is approved then the question must be asked whether it is proper to raise and spend $26 Million on improvements for 1999 Super Bowl at the present stadium when it may be demolished in 2001 or 2002. It might be wise to have the City ask the National Football League to delay San Francisco hosting the Super Bowl until a new stadium is built. Mr. Lazarus planned to meet with the Forty Niners, the Redevelopment Agency, the City Planning Department, and Recreation and Park Department, to discuss this issue in depth and to develop recommendations for the Recreation and Park Commission.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, **General Manger, Mary E. Burns**, commented that even though the Board of Supervisors has the authority to reallocate the $500,000, it would be highly unlikely for them to take such action.

Mr. Arnold said if the Board of Supervisors approves the supplemental appropriation the question is whether it will be used to fund improvements for accessibility or design improvements for the stadium.

Commissioner Rovetti said that the City should be considerate of the Forty Niners franchise because professional football teams do relocate to other areas when alternative options are made available

On motion of Commissioner McArdle Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 1095-186

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the supplemental appropriation request in the amount of $500,000 for design work at 3COM Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Quaranta, Ruiz

10. 3COM PARK
SIGNAGE AT STADIUM
Approval of new and replacement signage to reflect the new name of 3COM Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is approval of the actual signage that the Forty Niners are requesting on behalf of 3COM Corporation to be installed permanently at the stadium for the balance of the season. Mr. Arnold furnished a list of the signage with the approximate sizes and locations. There is an additional request to install an inter-active terminal at the stadium. The naming rights agreement specifically states that the signage is to be removed and the stadium restored to its former state at the end of the five month agreement. The new signage will be installed at no cost to the Department.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon noted that the new 3COM logo will replace the Forty Niners and Giants logo now in place at the stadium. She asked if the Forty Niners or Giants were angered by the replacement signage.

Mr. Arnold said the Forty Niners are not concerned about it. However, the Giants are not pleased with the new logo but they are not part of the naming rights agreement with 3COM Corporation.

James Lazarus of the Mayor's Office, explained that 3COM Corporation has met with the Giants and is in the process of negotiating a marketing arrangement with them.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 1095-187

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the new and replacement signage to reflect the new name of 3COM Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Quaranta, Ruiz

11. MID EMBARCADERO ROADWAY PROJECT
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
Approval of recommendation that the paired roadway be considered as the preferred alternative in the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study for the Mid Embarcadero Roadway Project.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained there has been considerable interest and debate on the Embarcadero roadway renovation. The Embarcadero's elevated freeway was removed after the Loma Prieta earthquake and there is now an opportunity to revitalize this area to create a completely different sense of the waterfront. In the process of reviewing numerous alternatives, two major components of the roadway design have come forward. The public process has been ongoing for more than 2 years and an environmental impact review (EIR) is now underway. Two approaches for the roadway design are being analyzed in the EIR and the Commission was being asked to support the paired roadway as the preferred alternative in the environmental review process. The proposed roadway alternative is a paired roadway as opposed to a split roadway. A split roadway creates an island between the two roadways. Staff recommended that the paired alternative be considered because it offers a major public gathering space in front of the Ferry Building. The paired roadway will create a generous plaza in front of the Ferry Building rather than having a traffic island surrounded by vehicles.

11. MID EMBARCADERO ROADWAY PROJECT
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said that there were a number of other City commissions that have taken action on this issue. He noted a letter received from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce which states that there has not been a complete public process and asked for more public hearings. Additionally, there is a letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, Bill Lee, which states that the project cannot be postponed because of the potential loss of Federal funding.

Ms. Learner said other commissions have taken action supporting the paired roadway with the exception of the Art Commission, which asked that an underground roadway be considered, even though it would be cost prohibitive. She explained that there have been many community and citizen advisory committee meetings and the process has been quite lengthy. She said there are constrained time lines to secure Federal funding and concurred with the sentiment of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Rebecca Kohlstrand, Project Manager for the Waterfront Transportation Project, said that the process has been ongoing since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Numerous public hearings and meetings have been scheduled and there has been much community participation. The City Planning Commission, Port Commission, Parking and Traffic Commission, and Redevelopment Commission have voted to endorse the paired roadway alternative. All of the commissions have clauses in their Resolutions asking staff to continue to work with Chinatown and North Beach community.

Carl Maletic, representing DeMars & Maletic, displayed two drawings of the Embarcadero roadway and was displeased with the approval process and the draft EIR. His firm has been involved with the Embarcadero project for 4-1/2 years, is a proponent of the split roadway, and wanted it included in the EIR process. He explained that the split roadway offers a 37' wide crossing to a divided plaza of 175' and then another 37' crossing. He was concerned about pedestrians crossing the roadway and thought a 90 second signal would not give people sufficient time to cross the roadway. He urged that the split roadway be considered the preferred alternative rather than the paired roadway.

Vernon DeMars, representing DeMars & and Maletic, endorsed the split roadway and said crossing six lanes made it a psychological barrier. There is a huge amount of open space on both sides with a split roadway and said that the cable car route could be extended and brought down to the middle of the great plaza. He said this site is a transportation interchange and should not be considered as mass gathering place. He said there is 175' with his proposal and that many people may not be able to cross the paired roadway in 90 seconds.

Commissioner Rovetti felt that the split roadway would give people in wheelchairs and those pushing strollers ample time to cross the Embarcadero. Commissioner Rovetti made a motion to approve the split roadway; Commissioner Farrow seconded the motion.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Ms. Kohlstrand explained that the Chinatown community wants additional measures put in place such as adding a left turn lane on Washington Street to give better access into the Chinatown area. She explained that staff has been meeting with the Chinatown merchants, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Chinatown Resource Center. Staff is continuing to meet with these organizations.

11. MID EMBARCADERO ROADWAY PROJECT
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (Continued)

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon noted that another architect, Mario Ciampi, submitted a proposal for the Embarcadero at the Parks and Planning Committee and wondered if it had been considered along with the other interesting proposals suggested such as an underground roadway.

Ms. Kohlstrand explained that an underground roadway was initially considered in 1990 but it was eliminated because of cost and the fact that it would conflict with the extension of the Muni Metro. They also considered depressed roadway schemes. The advisory committee discussed the Embarcadero Plan in great detail and the majority felt the paired roadway was the best solution.

A discussion ensued regarding the paired roadway versus the split roadway and the compromises associated with each one.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that she attended all of the community meetings. The Citizens Advisory Committee spent long hours and many meetings and finally endorsed the paired roadway after looking at all of the alternatives. She further explained that the 90 second signal crossing at the Embarcadero can be compared to crossing Van Ness Avenue in front of City Hall, because there are 6 lanes of roadway. She said the split roadway offers a generous place for pedestrians to cross but on balance that is the only advantage over the paired roadway which gives more meaningful open space.

Commissioner Rovetti rescinded his motion and asked that this matter be calendared for a future meeting of the Commission. Commissioner McArdle-Solomon made a motion to approve the paired roadway; the motion failed due to the lack of a second. Therefore the Commission tabled the matter.

12. POLICY ON NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES
PROPOSED CHANGE
Consideration to change the Recreation and Park Commission's Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Recreation and Park Commission has a series of policies that guide staff and the public about the Department. The policies are invaluable in helping staff and the public understand the established policies and is a fair way to ensure that staff treats everyone the same way. From time to time there are requests to change a policy. Such a request is before the Commission. Staff has received a number of requests to name or rename facilities and some do not comply with the current policy. At the suggestion of President Immendorf, this matter was calendared to see if the Commission wanted to change the policy.

Ms. Burns explained that staff often receives requests to rename areas and outlined the pending requests to rename the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park after Jerry Garcia, to rename Portola Recreation Center in memory of Sulu Palega, Jr., to name the playing field at Eureka Valley Recreation Center in memory of Rikki Streicher, to name a foot bridge at Lake Merced in memory of Walt Stack, to rename Ocean View Recreation Center in memory of Joseph Gamble Kennedy, and to rename Junipero Serra Playground to Lakeside Playground.

12. POLICY ON NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES
PROPOSED CHANGE (Continued)

Several years ago the staff and Commission went through a lengthy process and obtained policies from other cities and developed the current policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities. Of the pending requests, two issues do not comply with the requirements of the policy, ❶the person to be recognized should be deceased for a minimum of 2 years and, ❷whether or not there is a direct relationship between the facility and the person for whom the facility is requesting to be named. Ms. Burns explained that these issues are always very difficult and filled with emotion. Staff has given a lot of thought to this policy and recommended that the policy not be changed. She further explained that the Commission President informed one member of the staff that it was his preference that the policy remain unchanged.

Sulu Palega, explained that he submitted a request to President Immendorf to rename Portola Playground in memory of his son, Sulu Palega, Jr., who participated in every recreation and park program and whose family has been a long time supporter of the Department. He submitted the request because of the overwhelming sentiment and support from those who knew his son. Sulu Palega, Jr., was murdered while attending a church basketball tournament. He was in the process of being interviewed for a position with the Department. Mr. Palega asked that the Commission policy be adjusted because of the overwhelming public interest and felt that the Commission needed to upgrade the names of the facilities to reflect the current folk heroes, the people who are contributing to the system.

Commissioner Rovetti said when a park was named many years ago, it was named after someone of importance. The present policy provides recognition with a plaque or picture on a "wall of fame." He did not want to amend the policy.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon clarified the point that the issue being considered was whether to change the policy not any of the pending name change requests. She felt there was some validity to rename a facility after contemporary heroes but said the two year waiting period seemed reasonable. She did not wish to change the policy.

Commissioner Chan said if the waiting period was waived the Commission will be changing the name of facilities all the time. The two year waiting period affords the public the opportunity to review and consider the request.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 1095-188

RESOLVED, That this Commission reaffirms its decision to not change the Recreation and Park Commission's Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Quaranta, Ruiz

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bevan Duffy, co-chair of the Cable Car Awards, an organization that recognizes excellence in the lesbian and gay community, spoke in support to rename the playing field at Eureka Valley Playground in Rikki Streicher's name. Rikki was a legendary figure in the community who recognized the importance of recreation, fitness and sportsmanship to build self esteem. He planned to approach the Commission next August [in compliance with the Commission policy] to have the Commission rename the Eureka Valley playing field in Rikki's name.

Emeric Kalman, said there are certain provisions in the Charter that are very explicit and there are some policy issues that are discretionary. He did not think it was proper to demolish the Richmond Sunset Sewage Treatment Plant in Golden Gate Park and proposed that it be retrofitted for a recreation center for people with emotional disabilities. He wrote a letter to the General Manager about this issue and wanted to know if a response had been prepared. He felt that an engineering specification should be done before it is demolished.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that she was scheduling a meeting with Mr. Kalman to discuss this issue.

Joan Girardot, of the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, was present to clarify the Association's position regarding amplified sound on the Marina Green. The Association is against all amplified sound events at the Marina Green because of the close proximity of homes. She recounted how a recent event with amplified sound displaced people from four households and pleaded with the Commission to review the permits issued at the Marina Green. She said the Marina is terribly overused.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: A report was not submitted by the Vice President.

15. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Rovetti said that the owner and the President of the Forty Niners were very concerned about the loss of parking along Jamestown for football games. **James Lazarus, representing the Mayor's Office** said a meeting was recently held and there was a commitment from the community representatives to work with the City to encourage and develop additional parking. Staff will schedule a meeting with the community and other city and state agencies to begin designing a substitute parking program that would rely on State Park land. The Forty Niners seem pleased with this proposal.

16. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of September 6, 1995
- Recreation Services Committee Meeting of September 12, 1995
- Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of October 3, 1995
- Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of October 5, 1995

17. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of the mother of Angela Maestri of the Recreation Division, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of the grandmother of Marla Jurosek of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, who was killed an automobile accident on 10/18/95.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Mike Kostorus, a gardener at Potrero del Sol, who drowned in a river accident along the Yuba River on Sunday, 10/15/95.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Carol Bellora, the twin sister of David Anderson, Director of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 708th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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709th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Ninth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 16, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Jack Immendorf, President
Sidney Chan, Vice President
Bella Farrow
Angelo Quaranta
Vincent J. Rovetti

Absent: Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Santiago Ruiz

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following minutes of were approved as presented.

- Regular Meeting of August 17, 1995
- Special Meeting of September 7, 1995
- Special Joint Meeting of September 28, 1995 with the City Planning Commission
- Special Meeting of September 28, 1995
- Special Meeting of October 5, 1995
- Regular Meeting of October 19, 1995

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager submitted the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Victor Canales, Phong Pham, Sal Sequia, Greg Weir and Michael Wong are being recognized. These five lifeguards are being commended for their actions during the emergency at Rossi Pool on November 13. None of these individuals can be with us today, but Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, will make the presentation.

President Immendorf said that the staff should be highly commended for their courageous effort during this emergency situation. Commissioner Rovetti felt that these five employees were deserving of special recognition, perhaps even a resolution from the Board of Supervisors. He wanted to personally recognize these employees at a future meeting.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

BUDGET The Mayor has issued instructions for the preparation of the 1996-97 budget. These instructions include the following guidelines:

- ◆Reduce the total workforce by 15% by 1999 without reducing services.
- ◆Competitively bid for services now performed by City employees.
- ◆Reduce upper and middle management.
- ◆Use local resources to leverage Federal and State funds.
- ◆Reduce administrative costs by 10% without reducing services.
- ◆Reduce travel costs by 10%.
- ◆Reduce overtime costs by 10%.
- ◆Maintain salary savings at 2% or less.
- ◆Eliminate all vacant positions.
- ◆Reduce days lost to workplace injuries by 15%.

Departmental budget requests are due to the Mayor's Budget Office by February 12, 1996.

CHLORINE LEAK - ROSSI POOL As you are aware, there was a chlorine leak at Rossi Pool on Monday evening, November 13. As has been reported, 20 youngsters and 1 adult (a lifeguard) were taken to the hospital as a result of the leak. Some of those hospitalized were treated and released. Several were kept for a night or two, with the last youngster released yesterday. None appear to have been seriously injured. The cause of the leak has not yet been identified. A Recreation and Park stationery engineer was working on the system at the time of the leak. As soon as the leak occurred, the pool staff immediately began evacuating the some 60 people who were in the pool at the time. They followed all of the correct emergency evacuation plans as did the Fire and Police Departments and Paramedics. I believe it would be appropriate for the Commission to send letters of appreciation to the various departments involved.

Since the event, two pieces of equipment have been replaced, the venting from the mechanical room changed and the pool certified for reopening yesterday. The pieces of equipment will be examined by an independent source.

Yesterday's media coverage of the event has focused on a letter from the Department of Public Health dated December 28, 1994, encouraging Recreation and Park to convert the chlorine feed systems at the pools from gas to liquid. The San Francisco Chronicl in particular stated that this Department has intentionally delayed implementation of t recommendation. Attached is a press release that Dr. Sandra Hernandez sent yesterday as well as a letter to the editor that I prepared. As you can see, there is absolutely no basis for the conclusion that this Department was not proceeding with the recommendations in a timely manner. Three of the pools have already been converted. Materials to convert the next four pools had been delivered to our corporation yard on Monday morning. The remaining two pools, Rossi and Martin Luther King, present difficult site constraints and will entail structural changes. However, we are estimating that all of the conversions will now be completed within six to eight weeks. If you have further questions I will be pleased to answer them.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CHARTER REVISION On December 7, 1995, the voters passed a major overhaul of the City's Charter. It substantially impacts how the City will do business and changes in a major way the authority of a variety of offices. For example, the Board of Supervisors will now be able to reject appointments to a variety of commissions, including the Recreation and Park Commission, whereas now that appointment power rests exclusively with the Mayor. In making those appointments the Mayor must identify the appointee's qualifications and explain how the appointee represents the community interests, neighborhoods and diverse populations of the City. Commissions must be broadly representative in age, gender, race and sexual orientation. Department heads will be appointed by the Mayor from a list of three nominees proposed by commissions. The previous Charter prohibited the Board of Supervisors from directing the activities of departments with a clear separation between executive and legislative functions. The new Charter allows the Board, by ordinance, to direct the activity of departments even if the Mayor and commission may not agree with their decision. Board members will now be allowed to testify before commissions, and they will also be allowed to add to the budget of departments as well as cut as long as the overall City budget remains intact. Budgeting authority, which used to begin with commissions, now shifts to the Mayor's office. The authority to set fees, which used to rest with this Commission, now will require the fees to be recommended to the Mayor, who in turn recommends them to the Board for approval. The Mayor will have the authority to reorganize the functions of the executive branch, including shifting responsibilities and personnel from one department to another, unless restricted by Charter language or disapproved by the Board of Supervisors.

In regard to the Recreation and Park Commission and Department, the new Charter removes the "exclusive control" clause that lets decision making rest with the Commission. The restrictions on sale of park land remains, and the requirement to have two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors before new building in Golden Gate Park is approved was retained and extended to Union Square.

Supervisor Barbara Kaufman is meeting with a group of department heads tomorrow and, I believe, has proposed the formation of a task force to begin the process of transition. The new charter language becomes effective July 1, 1996.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS The Zoo received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop an innovative interpretive process called ZooWEB: Worldwide Education for Biodiversity. The model resulting from the grant, combined with Total Quality Management, will ensure that the Zoo's programs meet the scientific interests, needs, learning styles and perceptions of the diverse multi-cultural market the Zoo serves. The program will be a prototype for zoos, aquariums and museums throughout the country. This is the first NSF grant the Zoo has received.

On November 2, "The Heavyweight" was unveiled at the San Francisco Zoo. This life-size bronze sculpture of a hippo was donated to the Zoo by its sculptor, Dr. Burt Brent, a prominent reconstructive surgeon who specializes in correcting children's deformities and who was on hand to participate in the ceremony. In addition, renovations to the hippo exhibit and the area were officially opened. They include new benches, improved viewing and landscaping that greatly enhance the entire area.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS (Continued) On November 9, one of the Kodiak bears was released into his newly renovated exhibit. An artificial tree with plenty of hiding spots for favored food items and a large area of soil and mulch for lounging and digging were added to the enclosure. This is the first time in the bear's life that he has had the opportunity to "play in the dirt." Funds for the renovation were donated by Jennifer Hammer.

GLEN CANYON TRAFFIC ISSUES A meeting was held on November 9 with our facilitator and approximately 65 community participants. The facilitator presented a process whereby all issues concerning traffic matters in Glen Canyon would be heard by the respective parties and, through consensus building, a proposal would be generated. This involves the identification of the various interest groups and the formulation of a small working group which will include representatives from each interest group. All participants agreed to the process and proceeded to identify the interest groups and prospective representatives. The next community planning workshop will be held on December 6.

BOEDDEKER PARK On Tuesday, November 14, the Recreation Services Committee met at Boeddeker Park and discussed the creation of a task force made up of concerned citizens. This task force will work with staff in developing a comprehensive plan to address the many issues affecting the operation of the facility. A time line of 30 days was agreed upon, and the list of all task force members will be presented at the next Recreation Services Committee meeting on December 19, also to be held at Boeddeker. I have met with the Reverend Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church, and he has pledged his support and assistance to our efforts in making Boeddeker Park a pleasant and functional facility.

CLAIM SETTLEMENT On March 17, 1995, the Commission approved a $10,000 claim settlement for a disabled patron of the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre. The Theatre at that time did not have wheelchair accessible restrooms, and the plaintiff claimed not only the lack of access but also emotional distress because she soiled herself.

Claims were also filed by two relatives who were with her and claimed that their civil rights were violated because they were denied access to the theatre due to their association with their disabled relative. The Commission rejected these claims.

A year and a half later we were once again in litigation, with the plaintiffs still in quest of the $2,500 settlements. The Theatre had already settled with them for the same amounts. During a pre-trial settlement conference we were adamant in not settling, and on October 11, 1995, both attorneys met to agree on a judge protempore. At this meeting, after discussion between the two attorneys, the plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed their claims. On top of the $5,000 saved for the City, we saved litigation costs, which would have come from our budget. Deputy City Attorney James Quadra handled this case for us.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, November 23, 1995	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Friday, November 24, 1995	Day After Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Tuesday, December 5, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, December 6, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, December 7, 1995	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, December 19, 1995	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; Boeddeker Park, Eddy & Jones Streets
Wednesday, December 13, 1995	Tree Lighting; 5:30 p.m., McLaren Lodge

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS **RES. NO. 9511-189**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period October 1, 1995 through November 1, 1995.

B. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY **RES. NO. 9511-190**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM:
Lisa Thomsen
2930 Redwood Road
Napa, CA 94558
Three (3) unknown Sex Crested Guinea Fowl

DONATION TO:
Science Alive Zoological Gardens
P. O. Box 22038
Christchurch, New Zealand
Two (2) unknown Sex Tarantula

DONATION FROM:
Caldwell Zoo, USDA# 74-C-053
P. O. Box 4280
Tyler, Texas 75712
Two (2) Male African Wild Dogs

DONATION TO:
San Diego Wild Animal Park
P. O. Box 551
San Diego, CA 92112-0551
Two (2) unknown Sex Tarantula

B. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY **RES. NO. 9511-190**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued) **(Continued)**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION TO:
Butterfly Pavilion & Insect Center
6252 West 104th Avenue
Westminster, CO 80020
Two (2) unknown Sex Tarantula

PURCHASED FROM:
National Aviary in Pittsburgh
Allegheny Commons West
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
One (1) Female Crest Quail Dove, valued at $100

SOLD TO:
Baton Rouge Zoo, USDA #72-C-003
P. O. Box 60
Baker, LA 70704
Two (2) Male and One (1) Female Nyala, valued at $1,000 for the group

DONATION TO:
Louisville Zoological Gardens
P. O. Box 37250
Louisville, Kentucky 40233-7250
Two (2) unknown Sex Tarantula

PURCHASED FROM:
Kansas City Zoological Gardens, USDA #43-C-029
6700 Zoo Drive
Kansas City, MO 64132-2400
One (1) Male and One (1) Female Purple Swamp He
valued at $100 for the pair

SOLD TO:
Zoological Animal Exchange, USDA #52-B-041
P. O. Box 164
Natural Bridge, VA 24578
Four (4) Male and Four (4) Female Walaroo, One (
Male and One (1) Female Water Buffalo, valued
$4,400 for the group

C. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT **RES. NO. 9511-191**
RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gift valued at $10,928.50, for the Recreation and Park Department:

- From San Francisco Giants, $10,928.50, for the renovation of the baseball diamond at Kimball Playground.

D. GRANDVIEW PARK **RES. NO. 9511-192**
PARK CLOSURE
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the park closure of Grandview Park from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

E. JOSEPH LEE RECREATION CENTER **RES. NO. 9511-193**
APPROVAL OF MURAL PAINTING
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the agreement with Bayview Opera House to paint a mural at Joseph Lee Recreation Center.

F. OPEN SPACE PROGRAM **RES. NO. 9511194**
FIVE YEAR PLAN
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Five Year Plan for the Open Space Program for 1996-1997.

G. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS **RES. NO. 9511-195**
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statement for the year ending June 30, 1995.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

H. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9511-196
WEST BAY PILIPINO MULTI SERVICE CORPORATION
YMCA OF SAN FRANCISCO
RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the memorandum of agreement between West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Corporation, the San Francisco YMCA, and the Recreation and Park Department.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF ZOO-WIDE RENOVATIONS
Conceptual approval of the Asian Elephant Exhibit, White Alligator Exhibit and Northern Lynx Exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that he was seeking approval for the following Zoological Garden projects exceeding $50,000:

White Alligator Exhibit The Zoo will renovate the indoor aviary to provide display areas for rare white alligators found in Louisiana. Glass barriers will be installed for public viewing, animal separation and animal keeper management. Pool heaters and rocks will be installed and landscape improvements will be made to the exhibit.

Asian Elephant Exhibit Renovation plans include filling in the moat, adding barriers and providing additional landscape. Interior modifications will be made to aid management by the animal keepers, and the hydraulic doors will be modified so that animals can be safely moved. The renovations will provide better accommodations to introduce a companion animal for Tinkerbell, the Asian Elephant.

Northern Lynx Exhibit Renovations include major cleaning, removal of corrosion, repair of the structure, improvements to the electrical service, and drainage modifications. The exterior area of the exhibit will be landscaped. Some minor modifications will be made to the holding area inside the lion house.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9511-197

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants conceptual approval of Asian Elephant Exhibit, White Alligator Exhibit and Northern Lynx Exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
AVIAN CONSERVATION CENTER
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of construction contract for the Avian Conservation Center to the lowest eligible bidder certified by the Human Rights Commission with a proposed cost not to exceed the engineer's estimate within the City contracting requirements.

Zoo Capital Project Manager, Marla Jurosek, explained that this is request to approve the award of contract for the Avian Conservation Center. This project is funded by the City Wide Seismic Safety Bond (Proposition "A" passed in 1990). The relocation of the Avian program is required by the Infrastructure Utility Project Environmental Impact Review to mitigate the impact of the construction activities on the bird collection. The scope of this contract will include work required for the Avian Conservation Center. The Human Rights Commission has certified the low bid of Barnes/LTM, a Joint Venture in the amount of $1,903,000. The bid is below the engineer's estimate of $2,033,000.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9511-198

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of the construction contract for the Avian Conservation Center to Barnes/LTM, a Joint Venture, in the amount of $1,903,000.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review of the Permit and Reservations Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03, Resolution 9505-99.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that the Permit and Reservation Policy is reviewed by the Commission every six months. Staff proposed one change to the policy which would require that all permits be posted at the permitted site so that they are easily viewed by the public. There have been some problems where permittees have engaged in unauthorized activities not contained in the permit.

The Parks and Planning Committee asked staff to look at the Department's current policy and compare it to other cities. Staff completed that survey and received responses from other large cities and found that San Francisco's policy is much more detailed. However, cities such as Dallas and Austin, Texas, do not have the volume of events.

The issue of amplified sound is also being evaluated by staff and Mr. Robinson is in the process of scheduling community meetings in the areas of Justin Herman Plaza, Eureka Valley Recreation Center, Washington Square, and the Marina Green to discuss this issue. When the community meetings are completed, staff will report its findings to the Commission.

7. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

Rachel Heyman, representing the Eureka Valley Promotion Association, thanked staff for meeting with her organization with officers from the Mission Police Station in an attempt to tailor the Permit Policy that meets with everyone's approval. She explained that the Association submitted a letter of proposed changes to the Permit Policy. She realized that the Department issues hundreds of permits each year but thought that the parks might be classified by size and their proximity to residents. She felt that if the parks were classified in such a manner it would be easier to administer the Permit Policy, particularly as it relates to the use of amplified sound near residential areas.

Bruce McLellan, representing the Stow Lake Corporation, discussed the Golden Gate Park road closures on Stow Lake Drive. He pleaded that race events be conducted away from Stow Lake Drive since his lease is based on a percentage of gross income and any road closure affects the revenues for the concession and the Department. During the summer months, there are approximately 2 road closures a month on the weekend. He recounted a specific incident when a park road was closed on the weekend without authorization and he was unable to have the Police Department open the road because there was no staff on duty. He felt that if the Department issued a permit there should be staff available who are authorized to resolve problems that may arise in conjunction with an event. He further stated that there is a provision in the policy that states a permit can be denied if terms of a prior permit had been violated. To his knowledge, nobody has ever been denied a permit even if there have been violations to the prior year's permit.

Commissioner Rovetti suggested that staff send the permit to the concessionaire via facsimile so that he receives it in a timely manner.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that staff does not issue a permit until the fee is paid and, often, the fee is paid just days before the scheduled event.

Mr. Robinson explained that staff plans to meet with the Stow Lake concessionaire to discuss these issues.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9511-199

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following amendment to the Permit and Reservations Policy: Amend Section C, Page 5, to state that all permits must be posted at the permitted site so that they may be easily viewed by the general public or any authorized personnel of the City and County of San Francisco.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

8. **PERMIT FEES**

REVIEW OF FEE FOR COMMERCIAL EVENTS

Consideration to revise the flat fee for up to 1,000 participants for commercial events as follows:

•$750.00 per day minimum or negotiated fee depending on the complexity of the event/set-up.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that staff reviewed and compared the permit fees charged by other cities and found that cities such as Long Beach, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Vancouver, charge fees for picnics and weddings that are equal to or a bit lower than what is charged in San Francisco. Staff proposed that the fee for commercial events be changed. Presently, a flat fee is charged for commercial events. He gave an example of an event that was held at the Palace of Fine Arts which had a budget of $300-400,000, yet the permit fee was only $750. He suggested that staff be given the ability to negotiate the fee for a commercial event depending on the type of event, the set-up for the event, etc.

Commissioner Chan said that staff might find it difficult to define events that are considered complex and thus warrant a higher fee. He felt that the promoter will readily say the event is simple in order to pay the $750 fee. He suggested that staff be firm in its negotiations and that this fee be reviewed in six months.

Mr. Robinson said in New York's Central Park, all fees are negotiated because many of their events are re-broadcast or the rights to broadcast are sold. The fees charged for use of areas in Central Park in New York are substantially higher than the fees charged for areas in Golden Gate Park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9511-200

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following revision to the flat fee for up to 1,000 participants for commercial events as follows:

•$750.00 per day minimum or negotiated fee depending on the complexity of the event/set-up.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
RICHMOND-SUNSET SEWER TREATMENT PLANT
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract to Evans Brothers in the amount of $1,818,000 for the demolition of the Richmond-Sunset Sewer Treatment Plant in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Richmond Sunset Sewer Treatment Plant has been in Golden Gate Park since the 1930s. The plant is a non-conforming use on park property and it has long been understood that if there was an opportunity to remove the plant and provide sewer services elsewhere, then the old plant would be removed and the area would be returned for recreation and park use. She gave a chronology of events relating to this item, explaining that the demolition is a required mitigation that was agreed upon when approval was granted for the Oceanside Sewage Treatment Plant:

◆In 1975 a sewer bond measure was approved by the electorate and the Voter handbook included the provision that land would be returned for park use when the new Oceanside Treatment Plant was constructed.
◆In 1988 the Board of Supervisors approved the facilities plan for the Oceanside Treatment Plant and included language in its resolution that said the demolition of the Richmond Treatment Plant will make available valuable land for park usage.
◆In 1988 the Oceanside Environmental Impact Report stated that the project sponsor, the Department of Public Works, agreed to the demolition of the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant.
◆In 1989 the Recreation and Park Commission, as part of the Conditions of Approval, allowing the construction of the Oceanside Treatment Plant on Zoo land, included that the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant would be demolished.
◆In 1995 the Recreation and Park Commission approved the concept plans for the demolition of the Richmond-Sunset Sewer Treatment Plant.
◆In 1995 the Board of Supervisor approved a supplemental appropriation from sewer bond funds to demolish the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant.

Ms. Learner explained that questions have been raised as to whether the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant could be re-used and in 1981, before the demolition plans were prepared, and before the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, an independent assessment was done on the structural integrity of the plant. At that time, the cost of seismic and structural upgrade was estimated to be between $5-9 Million (in 1981 dollars). More recently, in 1994, in association with the engineering evaluation performed on the Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Program, the question was asked if it would be feasible to re-use the digesters as a reservoir. The consulting engineer recommended demolition over re-use because of structural and seismic deficiencies.

In 1995 a cost estimate for potential re-use was prepared by an engineer working on the demolition contract, He identified several areas that would have to be addressed should there be any attempt for re-use. The digesters would have to be cleaned, hazardous materials removed, structural modifications completed, disabled access requirements in response to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and mechanical/electrical improvements. These items were broken down on a square footage basis. The overall cost was $18-23 Million.

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
RICHMOND-SUNSET SEWER TREATMENT PLANT
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)

Another issue raised was whether or not certain Charter provisions have been followed with regard to presenting the sewage demolition plans to the Recreation and Park Commission. Procedurally, staff reviews the plans and specifications with representatives from the Department's Corporation Yard, the Dept. of Public Works, and consultants, if any are assigned to a project. Often site visits are made. The Commission's practice is to have staff review the plans and the Commission approves them in concept. A City Attorney opinion was issued which states that the Commission's practice fully complies with the requirements of Charter Section 3.552. The opinion states, in part, "...As a policy-making body, the Commission is not required to review in detail all plans before approving them. The Commission necessarily relies on staff to perform that detailed review." Ms. Learner offered the Commission the opportunity to review the drawings if it was interested.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's questions, Ms. Learner explained that the demolition of the treatment plant will take 4 months and the work will not be performed on weekends.

Ms. Learner distributed photos depicting the present condition of the plant and said a re-use option has been proposed in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. The Master Plan will be considered by the Commission next year, and at that time, it will be able to consider the recommended re-use option which is to extend the existing soccer field area. Other re-use options can be considered at that time. She recommended that the contract to demolish the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant be approved because of the condition of the building and the fact that it presents a health and safety hazard.

President Immendorf commented that the Commission relies on the expertise of staff, City architects and engineers. The City Attorney opinion indicated that the Commission actions comply with Charter Section 3.552.

Terry McDonald, Area Supervisor, explained that his area of responsibility is the far west end of the park which includes the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant. He was very much in favor of having this land returned to recreation and park use. He also commented that there have been problems in the abandoned plant with homeless people tearing away the perimeter fence and camping inside the building. Because the property is still under the jurisdiction of Department of Public Works, staff can only warn people of the condition of the plant. He was concerned about fire danger to the park because of the homeless campfires. He urged that the demolition contract be approved.

Steve Valdespino, representing the S. F. Vikings Soccer League, asked the Commission to approve the demolition contract for the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant. He wanted the area to be returned to a soccer field and said that another soccer field is needed for the thousands of youth who are waiting for a new athletic field. Too often children are forced to play outside the City because there are not enough fields and the state of disrepair. He spoke of the importance of children having the support from an activity such as a soccer program. His league has 3000 children playing each Saturday along side another 1000 children from the CYO Program, and 1000 children from private schools. There is a phenomenal number of people playing soccer and there are only 15 regulation size soccer fields in the City. It has been 10 years since a new soccer field was built.

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
RICHMOND-SUNSET SEWER TREATMENT PLANT
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)

Donna Ernstson, representing the Friends of Recreation and Parks, encouraged the Commission to approve the contract to demolish the plant and said timely action was important in terms of liability and problems that can occur in the West end of the park. She explained that a multi-million dollar challenge grant from the Lila Wallace Readers Digest Fund was received to make improvements to the West end of the park and that the Friends have been working with the Department to develop a project in tandem with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. The concept is to develop a soccer field and to have the adjacent area be developed for picnicking. She said that all of these projects must be done on schedule. The Friends are working on the Golden Gate Park Conservancy to raise private funds for the park.

Cary Jones, representing the California Youth Soccer Association, which includes the Mission Youth Soccer League and the Police Activities League (PAL), explained that the interest in soccer has increased rapidly and an additional 1000 kids registered last year to play soccer in the City. Soccer is played year round and now the PAL is organizing soccer in the Western Addition and Hayes Valley. He said that the demolition of the plant is necessary so that more soccer facilities can be built for the kids of San Francisco.

Ron Miguel, representing the Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR), said the community abuts the 3 1/2 mile Northern border of Golden Gate Park. Since 1975, when the bond issue for the sewage treatment plant was approved, PAR has been supportive of the demolition of the old plant. He never presumed that the demolition would be questioned because he felt it was a foregone conclusion. He has been involved in the community meetings on the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and never heard of any objection to the demolition, particularly with the financial cost to re-use the buildings. He urged that the Commission approve the demolition contract.

Emeric Kalman, spoke in opposition to this item, stating that the City Charter was not respected. He further explained that under the provisions of the Sunshine Ordinance he asked for documentation on this matter and did not receive all of the documentation, including letters he sent regarding this issue. He also felt that Charter Section 7.200 and 7.400 were violated. He had not seen any engineering plans, drawings, specifications, engineer estimates. He wanted the demolition contract to be put on hold so he could show the Commission how it had been misguided by staff. He urged that the Commission hold open and public hearings so that he could present his viewpoint because he felt the Commission and the public were misguided.

President Immendorf explained that he was aware that Mr. Kalman wanted the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant to be used for some type of mental health facility. However, it does not appear to be a practical use from an economical and engineering standpoint. President Immendorf said that the Commission received a City Attorney opinion that verified that the Commission and Department did not violate the Charter. He further explained that it has been the Commission's practice to not review the engineering plans and specifications; rather this responsibility has been given to the staff which has better expertise. He said that based on the expert information received, it is not economically feasible to re-use the building, although he thought Mr. Kalman presented a very worthy and noble cause.

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
RICHMOND-SUNSET SEWER TREATMENT PLANT
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)

Commissioner Rovetti said the Commission was strong and dedicated to the City. He felt that staff has gone beyond their duty to see that this project met all City legal requirements and that he had never been denied any information from the staff. He questioned Mr. Kalman's allegations of being deprived access to records unless the document was confidential.

Commissioner Chan said that Mr. Kalman has been very diligent in attending all the meetings and each time he expresses dissatisfaction in not receiving communication or response to his inquiries.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that staff is dedicating a great deal of its time to Mr. Kalman who has some very fundamental disagreements with the decisions being made. Hundreds of hours of staff time are being spent responding to Mr. Kalman's inquiries while other projects and work is not getting done.

President Immendorf said that some of the commissioners were offended by Mr. Kalman's statement because their integrity was being questioned. He offered to meet with Mr. Kalman to hear his specific issues.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9511-201

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Evans Brothers in the amount of $1,818,000 for the demolition of the Richmond-Sunset Sewer Treatment Plant in Golden Gate Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PIONEER LOG CABIN ZONE
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
Approval of conceptual plan for infrastructure improvements including installation of new water mains, utility lines, disabled access and electrical service at Pioneer Log Cabin Zone in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that there are 51 contract zone areas identified in the Golden Gate Park Infrastructure project. The Log Cabin Zone is one such area. She outlined the proposed improvements which include:

- replace sewer lines
- replace irrigation lines
- improve electrical and street lighting service
- make pathway improvements
- provide disabled access to the restrooms and to Stow Lake Drive
- provide new electrical supply from Fulton Street to the pathway leading to the Log Cabin and to the Cabin itself

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PIONEER LOG CABIN ZONE
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (Continued)

Ms. Learner displayed photographs which depicted where the actual utility lines will be placed in the street. Some trenching will also be done in the vicinity of the Rose Garden. The main power feed will be placed underneath the Redwood Grove. The work will be done without disrupting traffic flows, or interfering with major park events, such as the annual Bay to Breakers race. The trenching work is done in stages: an area of 200 linear feet is opened, the new lines inserted, and then the segment is closed up. More and more projects of this nature will be presented to the Commission in the future.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9511-202

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual plan for infrastructure improvements including installation of new water mains, utility lines, disabled access and electrical service at Pioneer Log Cabin Zone in Golden Gate Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

11. GOLDEN GATE PARK
10TH AND FULTON PLAYGROUND
REDESIGN PLAN
Approval of conceptual redesign plan for 10th and Fulton Playground in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a request to rehabilitate the small children's playground at 10th and Fulton. This playground serves many school groups who visit the institutions in the park who enter the play area through the pedestrian tunnel from the Music Concourse. The play area also serves the adjacent neighborhood. There is a large lawn area and play equipment. The proposed plan will retain a major portion of the lawn area but the play area space will be enlarged and renovated in compliance with disabled access laws and safety guidelines. Meetings were held with the community and school children visited the site and had input on the concept. This item was reviewed at the Committee level and she recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9511-203

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual redesign plan for 10th and Fulton Playground in Golden Gate Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

4:00 p.m. to 4:09 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session to consider Item #12.

12. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9511-204

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of the litigated claim filed by Ford Construction in the amount of $90,000.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emeric Kalman, explained that he was not a public speaker but when he cared about an issue he ardently expressed his thoughts which some of the Commissioners may have taken as a personal attempt to discredit their work. This was not Mr. Kalman's intent. Rather, he was of the opinion that something was not done properly and he was trying to explain that he had some evidence to prove his point. He also felt that the Charter, and City codes and regulations had been violated. Regardless of the fact that the Commission may not like his view, he felt there had been violations. He planned to respond to President Immendorf's invitation for a meeting because he had researched these issues. He further stated that he had been denied access to public records under the spirit of the City's Sunshine Ordinance.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: President Immendorf did not submit a report.

15. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Note for the Record: No issues were raised by the Commission.

16. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of October 4, 1995
- Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of November 7, 1995
- Recreation Services Committee Meeting of November 14, 1995

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 709th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up

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710th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Tenth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 21, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
- Jack Immendorf, President
- Sidney Chan, Vice President
- Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
- Santiago Ruiz

Absent:
- Vincent J. Rovetti
- Bella Farrow
- Angelo Quaranta

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager submitted the following report:

"*EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION* Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Tom Mrakava, Gardener Assistant Supervisor, Neighborhood Parks Division, is being recognized. For the past five years, he has been doing the job of two people–overseeing the Glen Park Complex and the Mission Dolores Complex. Mr. Mrakava, a 21-year employee, performs his duties with great dedication and in a most professional and competent manner. Sean Sweeney, Area Supervisor, will make the presentation.

STORM DAMAGE A detailed description of the impact of the storm on Recreation and Park Department property is as follows:

On the night of December 11, 1995, through the following morning until approximately 7:30 a.m., heavy rains and severe winds buffeted the San Francisco peninsula. Gusts of over 100 mph were recorded. Widespread damages have been reported throughout northern California. Within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, there has been catastrophic damage to the Conservatory of Flowers and unprecedented tree losses in Golden Gate Park, the City's golf courses and several neighborhood parks.

Of particular significance was the fact that winds in many instances struck from the southeast. More typical winds are from the northwest and mature trees have developed structurally to accommodate the force of the winds from that direction. The unusual direction of the winds caused hundreds of whole tree failures as well as lesser damage.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

STORM DAMAGE (Continued) Due to road blockages and potentially hazardous standing trees, Golden Gate Park was closed to the public. Similarly, many of the Neighborhood Parks had portions cordoned off or were closed entirely, for public safety. City-wide many of the storm damage costs initially will be for debris removal. The volume of woody and green debris resulting from the storm has kept all available staff cutting and stacking continuously since Tuesday. The mowing crews are working full-time clearing debris. There is no ornamental pruning being done. None of the regular maintenance tasks are going forward. The Nursery and Conservatory are minimally staffed. Everyone is out clearing up storm debris.

Department staff have prepared a total cost package for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Services that anticipates a period of at least 18 months for storm cleanup, rehabilitation, reforestation and damage repair. This preliminary estimate anticipates full utilization of existing staff and equipment as well as additional equipment to be rented or purchased and significant new hiring. The total estimated costs would be over $15.5 million, including approximately $5 million in the value of mature trees which have been lost. This does not include the cost of repairing or restoring the Conservatory of Flowers.

The Department hopes to have Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding to enable this massive recovery effort. Although the Mayor has declared a state of emergency (12/13/95), as yet the State has not, and this must precede a federal declaration. City-wide the City estimates damage of approximately $40 million. The Governor has yet to make a decision as to whether to declare a State of Emergency.

The Structural Maintenance Division had responded to approximately 120 work orders that were directly storm-related, as of yesterday (12/20/95). Major storm damage includes damage to buildings, fences, tennis and handball courts, road and path blockages, tile roofs, flooding, roof framing, skylights, flooring, irrigation water mains, escalators, light fixtures, ceilings, main circuit breakers, burnt lighting control relays, damaged service masts, damaged conduit, feeder cables, booster pumps, electrical devices, transformers, boilers off, water mains broken, pipes and glass broken. Some of our facilities have had to be closed.

GOLDEN GATE PARK Of all Recreation and Park facilities, Golden Gate Park suffered the most destruction. Our current best estimate is that over 600 major trees have been lost in Golden Gate Park alone. In a majority of cases the tree was either uprooted or was snapped off at the base. In some cases structures, cars, fences or hardscapes were damaged, in nearly all cases other trees and shrubs were damaged or lost. This is particularly evident in Strybing Arboretum and in the Rhododendron Dell. In both cases there has been the loss of large numbers of the cypresses and pines that define Golden Gate Park. In some cases priceless and irreplaceable shrubs and rare and exotic trees were crushed and destroyed. Senior gardeners and supervisors have remarked that the destruction of this single storm has been greater than all of the other previous storms they have experienced together.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

STORM DAMAGE (Continued) As major roadways through Golden Gate Park were reopened, hanging tree limbs were removed for public safety, and fallen trees threatening park structures and public treasures were removed. This includes the area around the Stables, the Japanese Tea Garden, the County Fair Building, the AIDS Memorial Grove, the 1916 Cervantes stature, a restroom building at Big Rec, and fencing at the tennis courts. Cleanup efforts are expected to continue indefinitely.

CONSERVATORY The dome area of the Conservatory was severely damaged. An initial assessment is that substantial parts of the building may need to be restored. The Department of Public Works is already preparing a request for qualification to come up with specific repair plans and cost estimate. An initial estimate may be as high as $8 million. In the interim we have:

- Closed the Conservatory to the general public.
- Removed all loose glass and wood members from the central dome.
- Removed plants from the central dome room which can be moved. Attempted to protect the valuable plants which cannot be moved by installation of flexible plastic sheeting with embedded fibers over the holes. Work on this will begin tomorrow, December 22, 1995, by City crews.
- Installed heating directly to the east and west wings.
- Closed the concession.

On Friday, temporary patches mounted on the dome will be applied to enclose the building and stabilize it and to be able to get heat into the dome to try to preserve the large plants that cannot be moved.

STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS Arboretum weather equipment recorded wind gusts exceeding 90 mph, rain total in the Gardens was 4.75 inches.

Damage to the Gardens with this storm was more than the total damage of all the storms in the past 10 years combined. It is most likely the worst storm damage in the history of the Gardens. I estimate the total cost of damage at $1.5 million.

Thirty-four (34) major canopy trees (90-100+ ft. tall) were lost. Of these there were 26 Monterey Cypress, four Monterey Pine, and two Blue Gum. These in turn destroyed many plants from various collections as they fell. In addition, one very old Linden and an Asian Magnolia also blew over. 10 to 12 other trees suffered significant wind damage with broken limbs, etc. such that they may have to be removed. The total number has not been determined as yet, although two large Monterey Pines outside the main entrance to the Gardens have been removed because of damage they suffered.

Damage was widespread with the New Zealand, Cape Province, East Australia and the Magnolia collections suffering the worst damage. Some specifics:

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

STORM DAMAGE (Continued)

- Two 80 ft. tall Coast Redwoods fell into the Vireya Rhododendron Collection that had recently been renovated. Trees have to be removed before we can assess the damage to the collection.
- A 90 ft. Monterey Pine fell into a grouping of trees and shrubs just west of our Horticulture Library destroying four Asian Magnolias, one Flowering Cherry, three Japanese Maples, and a number of other small shrubs.
- the north side of Heidelberg Hill large Monterey Cypress limbs destroyed two Magnolia campbelli that were 35-40 feet tall with trunks 2+ feet in diameter.
- One large Cypress limb crushed a panel of fencing in Demonstration Gardens.
- One Monterey Cypress fell on and demolished our storage cargo container.
- One Monterey Cypress fell and crushed two panels of Moonviewing Garden fence.
- Limb from large Olearia windbreak crushed a section of wood fencing in the Demonstration Gardens.
- Perimeter cyclone fence has been damaged in at least four areas from down trees.
- Asphalt pathways have been damaged in at least seven different areas from uprooted trees. Approximately 700 square feet of asphalt needs to be replaced. This number will increase when we start using heavy equipment for tree removal.
- Irrigation lines were broken in at least three places. We will not know the extent of the damage until we get trees and stumps removed. Water has been turned off to the east end of the park.
- Small section of Primitive Plants Garden boardwalk damaged by 20 ft. tree fern that fell over.

GOLF COURSES

Lincoln Park/Legion of Honor: Storm damage was massive. Seventy-two trees were down on the golf course on December 12. 1995. Additionally, approximately 10 leaners have been removed and approximately 30 trees are so badly damaged that they are in the process of being removed. There is fence damage in several areas. On Clement Street, 500 linear ft. of fence was damaged or destroyed. There is damage to Clubhouse roof and probable damage to pump house roof on Clement Street. The Golf Crew worked Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17. Heavy equipment assisted both days. One large pine had to be removed on north side of Legion of Honor. El Camino del Mar was open to Museum staff on Wednesday, December 13. Both El Camino del Mar and Legion of Honor Drive were open to the public on Thursday, December 14. It is anticipated that the course will reopen partially this Friday, and hole by hole next week as safety work is completed.

Harding/Fleming: As of December 12, 1995, there were 15 trees down and 8 so badly damaged they must be removed. There was one irrigation break caused by a falling tree. Pipe repaired, water restored December 19, 1995. A tree fell on roof of Harding Park Restaurant causing damage to roof tiles. Fence damage on Lake Merced Blvd. Golf Crew worked Saturday and Sunday, December 16-17. Golf Course Tree Crew worked Sunday, December 17, until area was safe for public. Course opened Monday, December 18, 1995. Clean up will be an enormous task. Last year's tree damage was not cleaned up in certain areas.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

STORM DAMAGE (Continued

Golden Gate Park Golf Course: Damage was relatively light, 8 trees down. The course opened on December 19, 1995. Golfers have access from Fulton Street only. Sharp Park: As of December 12, 1995, there were 14 trees down, 2 leaners slated for removal and an additional 14 with major damage to be removed. There are hangers and limbs down all over the course. There is fence damage on #16 and #18 tee, #17 tee and the parking lot (including damage to lights and wiring). The crew worked Saturday, December 16. Golf Course Teamster and Golf Crew operated chipper all day. As of December 20, three (3) more trees have been identified as so severely damaged that they must be removed. A break in the 10" main in the canyon is most probably the result of earth movement from surrounding trees.

3COM PARK (CANDLESTICK PARK) Numerous damages caused by high winds and/or water damage from local flooding. There were several sewer stoppages and leaks. Equipment on the field, blown by the wind, became projectile forces that damaged pads, tarps and other equipment. Over 40 of the luxury suites lost ceiling tiles and had water damage.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS Damage to the Zoo was moderate. Four Scarlet Ibis died from exposure. There was minor damage from flooding at the Zoo entrance and some tree losses. The zoo was closed for one day. It reopened Wednesday, December 13, 1995.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS Some damage has been noted in nearly all parks, but some were damaged far worse than others. In all, nearly 300 trees were lost. Large older trees incurred the greatest damage from the strong gusts in the morning. 295 trees came down in Neighborhood Parks; over thirty trees blew over in Mountain Lake Park, fifteen in Alta Plaza, thirty in McLaren Park, and fifteen in Cayuga Playground. Twenty-nine other parks also lost trees, and most were left with hazardous limbs hanging, and leaning trees that will have to be removed. Trees came down on power wires at several parks, most notably in McCoppin Square, where a power pole was toppled, and high-voltage wires snapped. The roofs at several facilities were damaged and leaked. The S.F. Conservation Corps has been employed to assist in cleaning up the worst sites. Park supervisors have closed dangerous areas, and cordoned off obvious hangers, but the public insists on ignoring warnings by entering damaged areas to walk their dogs or to take firewood or Christmas greens.

The following list tabulates storm damage estimated over $1,000, by facility.

Alamo Square: two trees came over, and there are large limbs and hangers throughout the park.
Alta Plaza Park: 10-15 trees came down. Two cars were demolished by a large tree near Jackson and Scott Sts; there is still tree debris along the curb in the street. The play area has many large limbs that fell in it damaging the fence and play structures. The park is closed.
Balboa Park: Ten trees down; three on field, two in lot, several at Boxer Stadium and other locations.
Bayview Playground: One tree leaning into power lines; PG&E has been notified. several large limbs down on Armstrong St. 4 or 5 acacias on 3rd St. will have to be taken out.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

STORM DAMAGE (Continued

Buena Vista Park: Sixty large trees came down, approximately 40 trees will need to be removed for safety, and there are hundreds of limbs down and many, many hangers.

Cayuga Playground: Fifteen cypress trees came down onto the field and on Alemany Blvd.

Christopher Playground: 10 trees down.

Crocker Amazon: There are eight trees down, many limbs have broken out of large trees and there are many hangers. A damaged culvert is directing rain water onto Geneva Avenue.

Dolores Park: 6 trees blown over. A lamp globe was blown off and broke.

Douglass Park: 3 trees down, and several large limbs

Duboce Park: 2 trees down, other limbs and debris.

Franklin Square: Four trees down and many limbs

Gilman Playground: One large tree down, several limbs and hangers

Glen Park: Three trees are down; the park north of the rec center is closed. A manhole cover to a storm drain was destroyed by pine tree roots. 20 feet of cyclone fencing damaged.

Golden Gate Heights: seven trees down; many hangers and downed limbs.

Hamilton Recreation Center: Small limbs down near Library

Hilltop: 15 trees down

Juri Commons: One large pine removed because it was leaning toward private property.

Julius Kahn Playground: 2 large trees came down; one in the play area damaging the fence, the other across the entrance. Access to the clubhouse is blocked.

Lafayette: Trees came down on two cars and there are some leaning trees. Most of the young cypress trees planted by reforestation were blown over, and there are many hangers. The park is closed.

Lang Field: a few trees/limbs fell into Gough Street.

Larsen Park: Three blackwood acacias were uprooted. There are numerous large limbs down.

Laurel Hill Playground: Several limbs and hangers

McCoppin Square: Four trees down. One of them brought down high voltage power wires, a pole, and street light, and snapped the top off a pole over a block away. PG&E estimated that they could begin repairs in 24 hrs. Our treetoppers will coordinate cleanup with PG&E to reopen Santiago St.

McKinley Square: Seven acacia trees down, many large cypress limbs came down near the childrens' play area; the gate to the play area was damaged. The park is closed until all hangers have been abated.

McLaren Park: McLaren Park: approx. 30 trees down, too many limbs to count

Macaulay Park: Small limbs blown off trees

Marina: High waters washed over the sea wall; a few limbs had to be cleared near the St. Francis Yacht Club

Merced Heights Playground: An acacia limb came down on the fence and power wires on Monticello St.

Midtown Terrace: One large eucalyptus down and six acacias need attention for safety.

Moscone Recreation Center: A limb fell on a car.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

STORM DAMAGE (Continued

Mountain Lake Park: 35 trees are down. There is much devastation throughout the park which remains closed. There are numerous hangers. One drinking fountain was destroyed, one water line uprooted (all water in the park is shut down), large sections of asphalt pathway were destroyed, two parcourse stations were destroyed, and several garbage cans smashed.

Oceanview Recreation Center: One large tree came down on the fence on Lobos Street. Several large limbs fell, and there are many hangers.

Palace of Fine Arts: Approx. 8 trees down. The Exploratorium people were pumping water out first thing this morning. Rec-Park plumbers joined their effort by pumping too. The drains were vectored last week when the first rains indicated that there might be a problem.

Palou Phelps Mini Park: One large eucalyptus limb came down.

Parkside Branch Library: a eucalyptus crown snapped off in the courtyard

Parkside Square: One large pine was uprooted. There are many hangers and limbs down.

Potrero del Sol: One pine tree lost

Potrero Recreation Center: Four large trees down, numerous hangers, and 250 ft. of cyclone fencing damaged.

Precita Park: Six small trees lost. Several of the newly planted tristania have blown over; we will try to upright and restake.

Presidio Branch Library: Substantial large tree damage; many limbs down and several hangers.

Randall Field: large eucalyptus down on field.

Richmond Branch Library: 2 trees down, major eucalyptus damage and hangers

Adam Rogers Park: Three trees down, one needing removal, and 25 damaged.

Rolph-Nichol Park: Large eucalyptus limb failures and several smaller trees leaning.

Junipero Serra Playground: Many large limbs down

South Park: One tree leaning severely into the park; area is taped off until toppers can get to it.

States Street Playground: One cypress needs to be taken down. The gully remaining from last Winter's landslide has worsened.

Sigmund Stern Grove: One large eucalyptus came down just east of the Vale Street lot. One large tree, located about 100' north of the Vale St. lot, has a severe lean towards Wawona.

Sunnyside Conservatory: One large palm tree blew over.

Sunnyside Playground: Many limbs down, and several hangers.

Upper Noe: 2 trees down. Over 110 feet of fencing damaged by wind and trees

West Sunset Playground: There was a large landslide on the southwest corner of the field; much sandy soil washed down the slope. There are 30-40 hangers near the parking lot. A 40 foot section of fencing above the bleachers at Diamond #1 was blown loose.

Youngblood Coleman: 3 trees are down

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

GOLDEN GATE PARK ROAD CLOSURES - 1996 In 1990, the Commission approved the holiday road closures for John F. Kennedy Drive and designated that in the future the closure of this road was to be handled administratively by the Department. Therefore, the following is the schedule for 1996 holidays:

Monday, January 1, 1996	New Year's Day
Monday, January 15, 1996	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Monday, February 19, 1996	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 27, 1996	Memorial Day
Thursday, July 4, 1996	Independence Day
Monday, September 2, 1996	Labor Day
Thursday, November 28, 1996	Thanksgiving Day

CAMP GOURMET WINTER SESSION The Teen Program Division is conducting a special winter session of Camp Gourmet, the popular cooking camp created this past summer. The winter session is funded through the "Way-In" grant–federal funding via the Police Department that is specifically targeted for youth 9-12 years of age who reside in the Western Addition. Due to space restrictions at Stern Grove, enrollment is limited to 20 youth. Camp is in session December 18-29, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and includes two special outings. An entrepreneurial component has been added which will allow the participants to sell their goods at the annual "Short Stuff" basketball tournament taking place the last week in December. The lead staff person is Jackie Battle, and she is assisted by Elton Pon and Jill Ramsey.

BOEDDEKER PARK TASK FORCE At the Joint Commission meeting on September 28, 1995, you were presented with a petition to form a task force to advise on improving conditions at Boeddeker Park. In November, the Recreation Services Committee endorsed the idea and asked for a recommended list of names to be adopted today. Given the outcome of the election, the Mayor's office has asked that this not go forward until Mayor-Elect Brown has had a chance to review it. I will keep you informed regarding the progress on this issue.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT IN CYBERSPACE The Recreation and Park Department has finally entered cyberspace; we now have a Home Page on the Internet's World Wide Web. So far, the site contains such information as locations/telephone numbers of our facilities, volunteer opportunities, Commission meeting schedules and links to other related home pages (such as Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Randall Museum). While the site is new and fairly sparse at this point, there are plans to add much more information, including recreation programs/activities; specific information on Golden Gate Park; links to other sites (such as the Zoo and the 49ers once their web pages are up and running); interactive maps showing the location of our facilities; other park information. For those interested in checking out our new home page, the web address is: http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/recpark//

SF TEEN At your places you will find the December 1995 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 25, 1995	Christmas Day
Monday, January 1, 1996	New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 3, 1996	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Tuesday, January 9, 1996	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; (location to be announced)
Thursday, January 11, 1996	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, January 15, 1996	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 9512-205**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period November 2, 1995 through December 1, 1995.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9512-206**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 1995, as presented.

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9512-207**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

PURCHASE FROM:	**DONATION TO:**
Audubon Park & Zoological Garden, USDA #72-C-004 P. O. Box 4327 New Orleans, LA 70178-4327 Five (5) Male and One (1) Female Canvasback Ducks, valued at $120 for the group	Science Alive Zoological Gardens P. O. Box 22038 Christchurch, New Zealand Two (2) Unknown Sex Tarantulas

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

D. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9512-208**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $20,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a) From the San Francisco Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

b) From the San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for parks, squares and maintenance.

c) From the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for the Palace of Fine Arts Repair Endowment.

d) From the Fred Gellert Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000.00, for the Project Insight Program.

e) From the St. Anthony Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

f) From Mrs. Betty Silverman, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Equestrian Trails in Golden Gate Park.

G) From Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Conner, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,000.00, for Midnight Basketball Program at Glen Park.

E. **HELEN WILLS PLAYGROUND** **RES. NO. 9512-209**
PARK CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the park closure of Helen Wills Playground from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SOUTH AMERICAN GATEWAY

Approval of expenditure to construct the South American Gateway at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that this item is a request for final approval to expend funds to construct the South American Gateway Exhibit. The exhibit was given categorical exemption by City Planning's Office of Environmental Review and the Commission granted conceptual approval in July 1994. The exhibit is designed to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will be located in the place of the old monkey island exhibit which was recently demolished. Elements of the exhibit include:

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SOUTH AMERICAN GATEWAY (Continued)

- an entry building;
- a large mixed deciduous forest exhibit with a mixture of primates - capybaras, tapirs and turtles;
- a walkway which connects to a strangler fig exhibit containing three reptile exhibits;
- a classroom area with inter-active computer devices that will show the relation between South American plants, animals and people;
- a large enclosed aviary up to 30' in height;
- an underwater viewing building

The South American Gateway will house as many of the Zoo's current South American species as possible and the Zoo is adding further species to the collection.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-210

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the expenditure to construct the South American Gateway at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

Note for the Record: Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, introduced Isaac Wang, a new member of the Property Management Division who will initially be focusing his attention on the Department's golf course leases and Lake Merced concessions.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
BEACH CHALET
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract to M. A. Encinger and Associates in the amount of $1,101,639 for Phase II renovation of the Beach Chalet.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is approval of the construction contract which will prepare the Beach Chalet for the restaurant/brewery to be housed on the upper floor and the Visitors Center to be placed the main level. There is a need to perform seismic, utility, fencing and underground work to the building. The cost of the contract is within in the engineer's estimate. The bulk of the funding will come from the ISTEA Grant (Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancements Act-Federal Highway Funds) and approximately $350,000 from the Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond. He recommended approval,

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's questions, **General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that the Phase I project stabilized the building, repaired the roof, restored the murals, and installed a sewer. Mr. Arnold said the work will begin in March for approximately 6-7 months and will be done concurrently with the restaurant's contractor.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
BEACH CHALET
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)
On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-211

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to M. A. Encinger and Associates in the amount of $1,101,639 for Phase II renovation of the Beach Chalet.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

6. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**
PLAYGROUND DESIGN PLAN
Approval of playground design plan at Civic Center Plaza.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this is a request to place a second playground at Civic Center Plaza. Currently, there is a heavily used tiny-tot play area located on the northeast quadrant of the plaza. The new Main Library will be completed in Spring of 1996 and there are many programs planned for children. One of the ideas under consideration is to construct a play area for school-aged children at Civic Center Plaza at the southeast corner. The idea is conceptual in nature and the final design has not been developed. The new play area will also require approval from the Landmarks Board and the Art Commission. If approval is granted by all agencies, construction will begin within a year. The Federal Building located on Golden Gate Avenue will be increasing its height which will cause additional wind on Civic Center. Therefore, as a mitigation, the new playground will be funded at the Federal government's expense.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-212

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the playground design plan for older children at Civic Center Plaza.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

7. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH
Appeal of the cancellation of Berth #567 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Deputy City Attorney, Scott Emblidge, explained that he discussed the berthing agreement with the affected parties along with Gary Davis, the Marina Manager, and an agreement has been reached which will resolve the controversy. It clarifies the terms of the berthing agreement, specifies under what circumstances subleases are permitted, states the obligation of the parties to consider these personal berths, and provides for a remedy should there be any breech in the future. The new agreement is an amendment to the berthing agreement and he asked the Commission to approve the terms of the settlement agreement.

7. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH (Continued)
President Immendorf thanked Messrs. Emblidge and Davis for resolving this issue.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Emblidge explained that this amendment applies only to this individual berthing agreement.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-213

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a settlement agreement with Charles Pruett, for Berth #567 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

8. **SOUTH END ROWING CLUB**
WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM AND HANDICAP ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
Approval to construct women's' locker room and handicap access improvements at the South End Rowing Club.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the improvements are for an accessible entryway by means of a ramp, improvements to the locker rooms and accessible restrooms. The changes will be minimal from the outside, with most of the modifications and improvements to be made to the interior of the building.

Mr. Patterson representing the South End Rowing Club, explained that the project will be funded by a dues increase to the members. The Commission will be considering the dues increase early next year.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-214

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to construct women's' locker room and handicap access improvements at the South End Rowing Club.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

9. **SEWARD STREET MINI PARK**
COMMUNITY GARDEN SITE PLAN
Approval of land use to allow the southern portion of the Mini Park adjacent to Corwin Street as a community garden site; concept approval of improvement plan elements.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request from the neighborhood to develop the upper portion of Seward Street Mini Park into a community garden. Presently, the area is used for dog walking. The lower portion of the park houses a children's play area. Mr. Arnold requested that the Commission approve this proposed land use.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-215

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the land use to allow the southern portion of the Mini Park adjacent to Corwin Street as a community garden site; concept approval of improvement plan elements

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

2:50 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Commission recessed the meeting.

10. **CAMP MATHER**
REVISIONS TO THE RESERVATION POLICIES
Consideration to revise the Camp Mather reservation policies and procedures.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that last year a number of questions were raised by the public and the Department staff about the reservation procedures. A meeting was held and several procedures were re-evaluated. Mr. Arnold outlined the proposed revisions to the reservation procedures and policies:

◆Proof of Residency. In the past, staff required a single item to prove residency such as a utility bill, drivers license, tax bill, etc. It is somewhat simple to defraud the system so the proposed revision is to require two items of documentation to prove San Francisco residency.
◆Proof of age for children 12 years old and younger. Staff noticed that there are many children registered 12 years and under, most likely because the meal rates increase for children over the age of 12. The proposed revision will require children under 12 to provide a California Identification Card, Immunization card or other legal document verifying age.
◆Proof of disability for wheelchair accessible cabins. The reservation staff noted an increase in rental of disabled cabins yet staff at Camp did not see an increase in wheelchairs. It appears that people are trying to reserve these cabins to obtain newer/better cabins. The proposed revision will require individuals to submit proof of the disability such as a copy of the State Disability Card.

10. CAMP MATHER
REVISIONS TO THE RESERVATION POLICIES (Continued)

◆Restriction on number of cabins and tent sites to be rented by a family. The present procedures allow a family to rent up to 2 cabins simultaneously. It appears that this procedure has allowed many non-residents to use Camp. Therefore, the proposal is to allow one cabin rental per family.
◆Increase the capacity on selected tent sites to six. Presently, reservations for tents can only be made for a party of 4. Since some of the tent sites can accomodate a group of six it is requested that occupancy limits for some of the tent sites be increased to six.
◆Establish a cancellation and refund policy due to inclement weather. Last year, the first week of camp was cold and rainy. Many people called to cancel their reservation asking for a refund. The Department does not have a cancellation policy for Camp Mather therefore staff is requesting that a policy be established which would allow refunds if the roads are closed due to road closures from heavy rains or snow.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Board of Supervisors has already passed a resolution endorsing the proposed revisions to the reservation procedures.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold felt that the revisions would not impact the interest in Camp Mather. The revisions simply give San Francisco residents a priority over non-residents.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that the Board of Supervisors has a program which allows Departments to advertise and submit information to the alternative press. The Department plans to promote Camp Mather using this program so that more of San Francisco residents will be made aware of camp. Mr. Arnold also explained that the Public Library has a computer program at each of its branches. The Department will submit information on Camp to this computer program.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-216

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revision to the Camp Mather reservation policies and procedures as follows:

◆Additional requirement for proof of residency
◆Proof of age for children 12 years old and younger
◆Proof of disability for wheelchair accessible cabins
◆Restriction on number of cabins and tent sites to be rented by a family
◆Increase the capacity on selected tent sites to six
◆Establish a cancellation and refund policy due to inclement weather

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

11. LAKE MERCED
URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRE
RENTAL PAYMENT EXEMPTION

Approval of request to continue exemption from rental payments from November 1, 1995 through November 30, 1996 due to decrease in water level at Lake Merced.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Urban Parks Concessionaires operates a fishery at Lake Merced but due to the level of the lake they are not making any money. The cormorant bird is eating the fishery because the water level is so low. However, the concessionaire does provide a valuable service as they regularly clean and maintain the public restrooms, patrol the perimeter of Lake Merced, and keep the picnic areas free from trash and debris. He felt it was reasonable to forgive their rental payments for one year. As in the past, staff will monitor their revenues and should there be an improvement, the rental payment would be re-evaluated.

Commissioner Chan asked Mr. Arnold when the lease with Urban Park Concessionaire expires. Mr. Arnold was unsure of the exact date but thought it was sometime in January 1997. Commissioner Chan suggested that the rental payments be forgiven to the end of the lease unless there is a marked change in revenues for the concessionaires.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-217

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to continue exemption from rental payments from November 1, 1995 through the end of the current lease due to decrease in water level at Lake Merced; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, Should the water depth stabilize at a usable level, the Recreation and Park Commission will re-evaluate the rental payments.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

12. 3COM PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/BUTLER CATERING
SUBLEASE AND CONCESSION AGREEMENT

Approval of sublease and concession agreement between the San Francisco Giants and Butler Catering for concession services at 3COM Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Butler Catering is the concessionaire for the luxury suites at 3COM Park and the Giants have agreed to a long-term lease with Butler. The stadium lease gives the Giants rights to all concessions but any sublease of concession rights must be approved by the Recreation and Park Commission. Butler has been the luxury suite caterer for the past several years but has recently made improvements to the stadium and wants the security of a long term agreement.

12. 3COM PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/BUTLER CATERING
SUBLEASE AND CONCESSION AGREEMENT (Continued)

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the Commission approves the prices for food and beverages for the luxury suites. Commissioner McArdle-Solomon noted that the prices are quite high. Mr. Arnold further explained that staff has compared the price of food and beverage items with other luxury suites and found the rates to be comparable. Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose, explained that people can bring in their own food into the suites unlike some stadia which does not allow this practice.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9512-218

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the sublease and concession agreement between the San Francisco Giants and Butler Catering for concession services at 3COM Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

13. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND/PERMIT FEE
Consideration to modify the amplified sound policy from 10:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and approval of the permit fee for the New Year's Eve celebration to be held on December 31, 1995, at Justin Herman Plaza.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request for Bill Graham Presents to modify the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza for a New Year's celebration. Last year there was a similar event at Justin Herman Plaza. The modification of sound policy is from 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The location of the event will be the raised planted area adjacent to Steuart Street. The ice skating rink will not be used as it was last year and Market Street at Steuart will be closed. The event is removed from any residential area and he felt the request for amplified sound should be approved, particularly since the Hyatt Regency Hotel is one of the co-sponsors of the event.

The permit fee is $2,000 and last year the fee was $2,500. This fee is based on an agreement with Bill Graham Presents to produce an event for Recreation and Park and to make a donation to Friends of Recreation and Parks in the amount of $25,000-$50,000. Last year, the Department received an asphalt ramp at the Polo Field worth $10,000 which was installed by Bill Graham Presents. Mr. Robinson further explained that donations made to Friends of Recreation and Park for the west end of the park can be considered as matching funds for the Lila Wallace Grant. The $20,000 permit fee for last year's Polo Field concert (sponsored by Bill Graham Presents) was not received because the lead singer of Pearl Jam became ill and left the concert.

The fee calculated for last year's New Year's Event was $6,000.

13. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND/PERMIT FEE (Continued)

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's questions, Mr. Robinson explained that the fee for the Pearl Jam concert was $50,000 and a further agreement that Bill Graham would make a donation of $20,000 to Friends of Recreation and Parks. In addition, the Department's maintenance crew asked that an asphalt ramp be built at the Polo Field. Mr. Robinson further responded that the Executive Director of Friends of Recreation and Parks, Donna Ernstson, has been part of the negotiations with Bill Graham Presents.

Mr. Robinson explained that Bill Graham paid for all damages from last year's Pearl Jam event.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon felt that this request should have been submitted to the Commission in a more timely manner. She felt that the permit fee should be explicit and clear. Mr. Robinson said that the proposal was incomplete until last week. He said that staff has made very serious concessions with their past events and that Bill Graham Presents will produce an event in 1996 to benefit the Recreation and Park Department with the hopes that over $50,000 will be generated.

Commissioner Chan suggested that the event to be produced by Bill Graham Presents in 1996 should generate revenues of at least $50,000.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Quaranta, Rovetti

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Philip Carleton said that in 1993 he was concerned about limbs falling on fences surrounding the bison paddock. The recent storm resulted in many trees falling. He asked the Commission to review with the Department the philosophy of the Reforestation Program and the treetopper crew. He had problems with some of the staff's attitude about tree assessment. He said there are trees ready to come down and that the Reforestation Program should be reviewed by the Commission along with Department staff.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said that it has been 15 years since the Reforestation Program was implemented and it is time that it be reviewed and re-evaluated.

15. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President wished staff, his fellow Commissioners, and the public a happy holiday season.

16. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Note for the Record: *None of members of the Commission submitted a matter.*

17. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee report was submitted for the record:

•Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of November 1, 1995

18. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rudolf Nothenberg's mother Jeannette Nothenberg, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Don O'Brien, Artistic Advisor for the Stern Grove Festival, who recently passed away.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 710th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.